



HOUSE BILL No. 6040

September 11, 1996, Introduced by Rep. Profit and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend section 662 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled as amended

"Michigan election law,"

as amended by Act No. 207 of the Public Acts of 1996, being section 168.662 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 662 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of
2 1954, as amended by Act No. 207 of the Public Acts of 1996, being
3 section 168.662 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 662. (1) The legislative body in each city, village,
6 and township shall designate and prescribe the place or places of
7 holding an election in the city, village, or township, and shall
8 provide a suitable polling place in or for each precinct located
9 in the city, village, or township for use at each election.

1 Except as otherwise provided in this section, school buildings,
2 fire stations, police stations, and other publicly owned or con-
3 trolled buildings shall be used as polling places. If a publicly
4 owned or controlled building is not possible and convenient for
5 use as a polling place, the legislative body of the city, town-
6 ship, or village may use as a polling place a building owned or
7 controlled by an organization that is exempt from federal income
8 tax pursuant to section 501(c) ~~other than 501(c)(4), (5), or~~
9 ~~(6)~~ of the internal revenue code, ~~of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501,~~ or
10 any successor statute. The legislative body of a city, township,
11 or village shall not designate as a polling place a building that
12 is owned by a person who is a sponsor of a political committee or
13 independent committee. A city, township, or village shall not
14 use as a polling place a building that does not meet the require-
15 ments of this section. As used in this subsection, "sponsor of a
16 political committee or independent committee" means a person who
17 is described as being a sponsor under section 24(3) of the
18 Michigan campaign finance act, Act No. 388 of the Public Acts of
19 1976, being section 169.224 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and
20 includes a subsidiary of a corporation or a local of a labor
21 organization, which corporation or labor organization is consid-
22 ered a sponsor under section 24(3) of Act No. 388 of the Public
23 Acts of 1976.

24 (2) The legislative body in each city, village, and township
25 shall make arrangements for the rental or erection of suitable
26 buildings for use as polling places if publicly owned or
27 controlled buildings are not available, and shall cause the

1 polling places to be equipped with the necessary facilities for
2 lighting and with adequate facilities for heat and ventilation.
3 The legislative body may establish a central polling place or
4 places for 6 precincts or less to each central polling place if
5 possible and convenient for the electors to vote at the central
6 polling place. The legislative body may abolish other polling
7 places not required as a result of the establishment of a central
8 polling place.

9 (3) The legislative body of a city, village, or township may
10 establish a polling place at a for profit or nonprofit residence
11 or facility in which 150 persons or more aged 62 or older reside
12 or at an apartment building or complex in which 150 persons or
13 more reside. A township board may provide polling places located
14 within the limits of a city that has been incorporated from ter-
15 ritory formerly a part of the township, and the electors of the
16 township may cast their ballots at those polling places.

17 (4) The legislative body of a city, village, or township
18 shall ensure that a polling place established under this section
19 complies with the voting accessibility for the elderly and handi-
20 capped act, Public Law 98-435, 42 U.S.C. 1973ee to 1973ee-6.