

HOUSE BILL No. 4933

June 17, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Wallace, Murphy, Baird, Curtis, Dobronski, DeHart, Bankes, Vaughn, Leland, Griffin, Harder, Kelly, Scott, Schermesser, Cherry, Thomas, Agee, Hanley, Parks, Varga, Hood, Hale, Quarles, Stallworth, Kilpatrick and Rison and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 624 (MCL 168.624), as amended by 1996 PA
583.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 624. (1) A person holding a public office in this
2 state or a municipal subdivision of this state may become a can-
3 didate for delegate to the county or district conventions.
4 (2) A candidate for delegate to the county or district con-
5 ventions of a political party shall be a qualified and registered
6 elector residing within, as well as having his or her actual bona
7 fide residence within, the election precinct for which he or she
8 desires to become a candidate. A candidate shall file an
9 affidavit of identity as prescribed in section 558(1) with the
10 county clerk of the county ~~or the clerk of the city or township~~

1 in which the candidate resides. A clerk shall receive affidavits
2 of identity under this section up to 4 p.m. on the ~~twelfth~~
3 ~~Tuesday~~ NINETY-FIRST DAY preceding the time designated for hold-
4 ing a primary election in the county. ~~Within 4 days after the~~
5 ~~last day for filing affidavits of identity under this section,~~
6 ~~the city or township clerk shall forward to the county clerk the~~
7 ~~affidavit of identity of each candidate who has qualified for a~~
8 ~~position on the primary ballot.~~ All duly elected and certified
9 delegates shall be seated at the county or district county
10 conventions. A person violating this section is guilty of a
11 misdemeanor.

12 (3) If a written complaint is made to the county clerk with
13 respect to the registration or bona fide residence, or both, of a
14 candidate, the county clerk shall check with the township or city
15 clerk of the township or city in which the candidate is regis-
16 tered or residing, or both. The township or city clerk shall
17 report back to the county clerk within 48 hours as to the regis-
18 tration or bona fide residence, or both, of the candidate. If
19 the township or city clerk's report shows that the candidate is
20 not a registered elector or a bona fide resident of the election
21 precinct of the township or city for which the petition shows the
22 candidate is a resident, the county clerk shall remove the name
23 of the candidate from the ballot. A complaint received by the
24 county clerk after the ballots have been released for printing
25 and before the primary election shall not be acted upon.