

HOUSE BILL No. 4951

June 24, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Hammerstrom, Goschka, Schauer, Richner, McNutt and Perricone and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 677 (MCL 168.677), as amended by 1996 PA
583.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 677. (1) ~~—A—~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSEC-
2 TION (4), A precinct election inspector shall be a qualified and
3 registered elector of the county in which he or she serves, shall
4 have a good reputation, and shall have sufficient education and
5 clerical ability to perform the duties of the office. A person
6 shall not be appointed to a board of election inspectors unless
7 the person has filed an application with a city, township, or
8 village clerk in that county where the individual wishes to serve
9 as election inspector.

1 (2) The application shall be in his or her own handwriting
2 and shall contain the applicant's name, home address, ward and
3 precinct registration IF ANY, date of birth, length of residence
4 in the county, political party affiliation, education, employ-
5 ment, and other experience qualifications. The application shall
6 provide a certification that the applicant is not a member or a
7 known active advocate, as defined in section 674, of a political
8 party other than the one entered on the application. The form of
9 the application under this section shall be approved by the state
10 director of elections. The clerk shall maintain a file of appli-
11 cations filed under this section and make the applications avail-
12 able for public inspection at the clerk's office during normal
13 business hours.

14 (3) A person shall not be knowingly appointed or permitted
15 to act as a precinct election inspector if the person or any
16 member of his or her immediate family is a candidate for nomina-
17 tion or election to any office at the election or who has been
18 convicted of a felony or election crime. A person shall not be
19 permitted to act as an election inspector if he or she has failed
20 to attend a school of instruction or failed to take an examina-
21 tion as provided in section 683. This section does not prohibit
22 the candidate for or delegate to a political party convention
23 from acting as an election inspector in a precinct other than the
24 precinct in which he or she resides. An election shall not be
25 invalidated merely because of the violation of the provisions of
26 this section.

1 (4) A PERSON WHO IS 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY BE APPOINTED TO A
2 BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS IF HE OR SHE OTHERWISE MEETS THE
3 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION OTHER THAN BEING A QUALIFIED AND
4 REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE OR SHE SERVES.