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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

House Bill 4351

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Complete to 3-4-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4351 AS INTRODUCED 2-27-01

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require, generally speaking, that instructions to voters include the following statements:

- If the voter does not understand the ballot, the voter shall ask an election official for assistance; and
- If the voter makes a mistake in voting the ballot, the voter shall return the spoiled ballot to an election official and obtain a new ballot.

These statements would have to be included in the instructions on the official primary election ballot (Section 560); in the instructions on the two placards of instructions that must be conspicuously displayed in each polling place (Section 666); in the instructions to be included with paper ballots (Section 706); and in the instructions that accompany ballots to be used with voting machines (Section 777).

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