

HOUSE BILL No. 5610

February 12, 2002, Introduced by Reps. Switalski, Plakas, Spade, Rivet, Pappageorge, Lockwood, Bogardus and Pestka and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 797 (MCL 168.797), as amended by 1992 PA 8.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 797. (1) Not less than 30 minutes before the opening
2 of the polls, the ~~inspectors of~~ election INSPECTORS shall
3 arrive at the polling place and prepare the polling place for
4 voting. The ~~inspectors of~~ election INSPECTORS shall determine
5 that the correct ballot has been provided to the precinct by com-
6 paring the ballot provided with the sample ballot and any other
7 documents provided to the precinct. The ~~inspectors of~~ election
8 INSPECTORS shall complete required tests of the equipment of the
9 electronic voting system and certify in writing that the
10 equipment is operating properly. The written certification shall
11 be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall

1 include pertinent information regarding seal numbers, counters,
2 and the operation and use of the particular equipment.

3 (2) IF ELECTRONIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT IN USE AT THE POLLING
4 PLACE CAN DETECT AND INFORM AN ELECTOR THAT THE ELECTOR'S BALLOT
5 HAS BEEN REJECTED, AS PART OF THE TESTING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSEC-
6 TION (1), THE ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE POLLING PLACE SHALL
7 ENSURE THAT THIS NOTIFICATION FEATURE IS OPERATING PROPERLY
8 BEFORE CERTIFYING THE EQUIPMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (1). UNLESS A
9 NOTIFICATION FEATURE CEASES TO OPERATE PROPERLY, THAT FEATURE
10 SHALL NOT BE SWITCHED OFF OR OTHERWISE DISABLED. IF A DETECTION
11 AND NOTIFICATION IS SWITCHED OFF OR OTHERWISE DISABLED, THE ELEC-
12 TION INSPECTORS SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE REASON FOR AND
13 EXACT TIME OF THE INACTIVATION.