

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6001**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 659 (MCL 168.659), as added by 2003 PA 302.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 659. (1) If a county, city, ward, township, village,
2 or school district is divided into 2 or more election precincts,
3 the county, city, ward, township, or village election
4 commissioners may, by resolution, consolidate the election
5 precincts for a particular election that is not a general
6 November election, primary election immediately before a general
7 November election, or other statewide or federal election. In
8 making the determination to consolidate election precincts for a
9 particular election, the election commission shall take into
10 consideration the number of choices the voter must make, the
11 percentage of registered voters who voted at the last similar

1 election in the jurisdiction, and the intensity of the interest
2 of the electors in the jurisdiction concerning the candidates and
3 proposals to be voted upon. **Consolidated precincts shall not**
4 **exceed 5,000 registered electors.**

5 (2) A consolidation under this section shall be made not less
6 than 60 days before a primary, general, or special election.

7 (3) Unless the polling places for the election precincts to
8 be consolidated are located in the same building, when a county,
9 city, ward, township, or village consolidates election precincts
10 for a particular election under subsection (1), the election
11 commissioners or other designated election officials shall do
12 both of the following:

13 (a) Provide notice to the registered electors of the affected
14 election precincts of the consolidation of election precincts for
15 the particular election and the location of the polling place for
16 the election precinct or precincts for that election. Notice may
17 be provided by mail or other method designed to provide actual
18 notice to the registered electors.

19 (b) Post a written notice at each election precinct polling
20 place stating the location of the consolidated election precinct
21 polling place.

22 (4) If a county, city, ward, township, or village
23 consolidates election precincts under this section, each affected
24 election precinct shall be treated as a whole unit and shall not
25 be divided during the consolidation.