

HOUSE BILL No. 4201

February 3, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Gosselin, Hoogendyk and Palmer and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 482 (MCL 168.482), as amended by 1998 PA 142.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 482. (1) ~~Each~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION, EACH** petition **SHEET** under this section shall be 8-1/2
3 inches by 14 inches in size, **IN HORIZONTAL FORMAT, AND SHALL**
4 **CONTAIN NO FEWER THAN 7 SIGNATURE LINES. AN 8-1/2-INCH BY 11-INCH**
5 **PETITION SHEET, IN EITHER HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL FORMAT, MAY BE**
6 **USED IF IT OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH THIS SECTION AND IF BOTH OF THE**
7 **FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

8 **(A) THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE PRINTED ON 1 OR BOTH**
9 **SIDES OF AN 8-1/2-INCH BY 11-INCH PETITION SHEET.**

1 (B) EACH PETITION SHEET THAT IS SUBMITTED IS 8-1/2 INCHES BY
2 11 INCHES IN SIZE.

3 (2) If the ~~measure~~ PROPOSAL to be submitted ~~proposes~~ IS a
4 constitutional amendment, initiation of legislation, or referendum
5 of legislation, the heading of each part of the petition shall be
6 prepared in the following form and printed in capital letters in
7 14-point boldfaced type WITH 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 8 INITIATIVE PETITION
- 9 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
- 10 OR
- 11 INITIATION OF LEGISLATION
- 12 OR
- 13 REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION
- 14 PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

15 (3) The full text of the ~~amendment so proposed~~ PROPOSAL
16 shall follow and be printed in 8-point type. If the proposal would
17 alter or abrogate an existing provision of the constitution, the
18 petition shall so state and the provisions to be altered or
19 abrogated shall be inserted, preceded by the words:

20 "Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by
21 the proposal if adopted."

22 (4) The following statement shall appear beneath the petition
23 heading:

24 "We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors,
25 residents in the
26 city
27 township (strike 1) of in the county of,

1 state of Michigan, respectively petition for (amendment to
2 constitution) (initiation of legislation) (referendum of
3 legislation) (other appropriate description)."

4 (5) The following warning shall be printed in 12-point type
5 immediately above the place for signatures, on each part of the
6 petition:

7 WARNING

8 A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once,
9 signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified
10 and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a
11 petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was
12 affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

13 (6) The remainder of the petition form shall be as provided
14 following the warning to electors signing the petition in section
15 544c(1). In addition, the petition shall comply with the
16 requirements of section 544c(2).