

# HOUSE BILL No. 5580

January 24, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Hummel, Baxter, Wenke, Nitz, Stahl, Amos and Taub  
and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending sections 24c and 24d (MCL 168.24c and 168.24d).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 24c. **(1)** Selection of the members of ~~such~~ **THE** board **OF**  
2 **COUNTY CANVASSERS** shall be made from each of the 2 political  
3 parties casting the greatest number of votes for secretary of state  
4 at the preceding general November election in that county. ~~No~~ **A**  
5 political party shall **NOT** be represented by more than 2 members on  
6 the board **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS** at any ~~one~~ **1** time.

7           **(2)** The county committee of each political party, not later  
8 than September 1, 1963 and not later than September 1 of each odd  
9 numbered year thereafter, shall submit to the county clerk the

1 names of 3 **INTERESTED** persons for each position to which the party  
2 is entitled. In ~~any~~ **A** county having 2 or more congressional  
3 districts within its boundaries, the ~~chairmen~~ **CHAIRPERSONS** of the  
4 congressional district committees shall act as the county committee  
5 for the purposes of ~~sections 24c and 24d of this act~~ **THIS SECTION**  
6 **AND SECTION 24D** and shall select ~~one~~ 1 of their number to act as  
7 ~~chairman~~ **CHAIRPERSON** for ~~such~~ **THESE** purposes.

8 (3) The **COUNTY** board of ~~supervisors~~ **COMMISSIONERS**, within 10  
9 days after convening for their annual meeting, shall elect by  
10 ballot to each position ~~one~~ 1 of the 3 ~~persons nominated~~  
11 **NOMINEES** for the position, and the board ~~thereupon~~ shall appoint  
12 the person to the position. **BEFORE ELECTING A NOMINEE TO THE BOARD**  
13 **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD OF**  
14 **COMMISSIONERS MAY REQUEST THAT A NOMINEE PROVIDE ANY OF THE**  
15 **FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NOMINEE IS QUALIFIED**  
16 **FOR AND INTERESTED IN THE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
17 **CANVASSERS:**

18 (A) A LETTER SIGNED BY THE NOMINEE INDICATING AN INTEREST IN  
19 SERVING ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AND INDICATING AN INTENT  
20 TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
21 CANVASSERS TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER ABILITY.

22 (B) PRIOR ELECTION EXPERIENCE INCLUDING CANVASSING ELECTIONS.

23 (C) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
24 COMMISSIONERS MAY REQUIRE.

25 (4) Failure of the **COUNTY** board of ~~supervisors~~ **COMMISSIONERS**  
26 to appoint ~~one~~ 1 of the ~~persons nominated~~ **NOMINEES** for ~~any~~ **A**  
27 position on the board **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS** within 10 days after

1 convening for their annual meeting shall result in a vacancy  
2 existing in the position, ~~and~~ **WHICH** shall be filled as  
3 ~~hereinafter~~ provided **IN SECTION 24D** for the filling of vacancies  
4 on the board **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS**.

5       Sec. 24d. (1) ~~Whenever~~ **IF** a vacancy occurs in the membership  
6 of the board of county canvassers, the county clerk shall  
7 **IMMEDIATELY** give notice ~~forthwith~~ of the vacancy to the ~~chairman~~  
8 **CHAIRPERSON** of the county committee of the political party entitled  
9 to fill the vacancy.

10       (2) The county committee of the political party entitled to  
11 fill ~~any~~ **A** vacancy on the board of county canvassers, within 10  
12 days after receiving information concerning ~~such~~ **THE** vacancy,  
13 shall nominate 3 **INTERESTED** persons for the position and submit the  
14 list of nominees to the county clerk. ~~who~~

15       (3) **THE COUNTY CLERK**, within 10 days from receipt of the  
16 ~~nomination~~ **LIST OF NOMINEES**, shall appoint ~~one~~ 1 of the ~~persons~~  
17 ~~so nominated.~~ **Any NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS.**  
18 **BEFORE APPOINTING A NOMINEE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS UNDER**  
19 **THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY CLERK MAY REQUEST THAT A NOMINEE**  
20 **PROVIDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE**  
21 **NOMINEE IS QUALIFIED FOR AND INTERESTED IN THE POSITION ON THE**  
22 **BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS:**

23       (A) **A LETTER SIGNED BY THE NOMINEE INDICATING AN INTEREST IN**  
24 **SERVING ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AND INDICATING AN INTENT**  
25 **TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION ON THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
26 **CANVASSERS TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER ABILITY.**

27       (B) **PRIOR ELECTION EXPERIENCE INCLUDING CANVASSING ELECTIONS.**

1           (C) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY CLERK MAY  
2 REQUIRE.

3           (4) A person appointed to fill a vacancy ON THE BOARD OF  
4 COUNTY CANVASSERS shall serve for the balance of the unexpired  
5 term.