

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1126

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 305 (MCL 168.305), as amended by 2004 PA 287.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 305. (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
2 chapter, the school district election coordinating committee for
3 each school district shall hold an initial meeting. Within 14 days
4 after convening the initial meeting, the school district election
5 coordinating committee shall file a report with the secretary of
6 state that sets forth the arrangements that are agreed upon for the
7 conduct of the school district's elections. Each school district
8 election coordinating committee member shall sign the report and

1 retain a copy.

2 (2) After filing its initial report under subsection (1) **AND**
3 **UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2012**, a school district election coordinating
4 committee shall meet at 2-year intervals to review and, if
5 necessary, alter the election arrangements set forth in its
6 previous report. **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, A SCHOOL DISTRICT**
7 **ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT 4-YEAR INTERVALS OR**
8 **EARLIER IF DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCHOOL**
9 **DISTRICT ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND, IF**
10 **NECESSARY, ALTER THE ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN ITS**
11 **PREVIOUS REPORT.** After each review, a school district election
12 coordinating committee shall either notify the secretary of state
13 in writing that its previous report is not being altered or file
14 with the secretary of state a report with the alterations. ~~Election~~
15 **UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2012, ELECTION** arrangements made by the clerks
16 of the jurisdictions participating in the school district election
17 coordinating committee meeting are binding on the participating
18 jurisdictions for at least 2 years after the report is filed, and
19 each jurisdiction continues to be bound until an altered report is
20 filed. **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE**
21 **CLERKS OF THE JURISDICTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**
22 **ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ARE BINDING ON THE**
23 **PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS UNTIL AN ALTERED REPORT IS FILED.**

24 (3) The arrangements agreed upon by a school district election
25 coordinating committee for the conduct of the school district's
26 elections shall accomplish at least both of the following:

27 (a) If a school district election is held on the same day as

1 an election of a jurisdiction that overlaps with the school
2 district, an elector wishing to vote in both elections shall not be
3 required to vote at 2 different locations.

4 (b) If, before the filing of an initial report or of the
5 notice or altered report after its ~~2-year~~ review, a city or
6 township clerk notifies the school district election coordinating
7 committee that the city or township clerk, in consultation with the
8 city council or township board, as applicable, has decided to
9 participate in the conduct of the school district's elections, the
10 school district election coordinating committee shall include that
11 city or township clerk in its initial or an altered report as the
12 person conducting the school district's elections in the clerk's
13 city or township.

14 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, if a
15 city or township is holding an election for elective office or on a
16 ballot question at the same time that a school district located in
17 whole or part in the city or township is holding an election, the
18 city or township clerk shall also conduct the school district
19 election within his or her jurisdiction. If a city or township
20 clerk is conducting a school election under this subsection, the
21 clerk shall use the same precincts that are used for state and
22 federal elections as the precincts for the school district
23 election. If these precincts change the polling place location for
24 school district electors, the clerk shall notify those school
25 district electors of the location of the different polling place. A
26 city or township clerk with the consent of the school district
27 election coordinator may use the school election precincts and

1 polling places. A city or township clerk conducting an election
2 under this subsection may consolidate election precincts in the
3 manner provided in section 659.