

# HOUSE BILL No. 5845

September 11, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Nathan, Tlaib, Hovey-Wright, Townsend, Talabi, Smiley, Ananich, Brunner, McCann, Hobbs, Geiss, Segal, Bauer, Byrum, Lindberg, Darany, Switalski, Slavens, Barnett, Lipton, Constan and Brown and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 550a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 550A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT, IF AN  
2        INCUMBENT CANDIDATE FOR A PARTISAN OFFICE CHANGES HIS OR HER  
3        POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DURING THE 7 DAYS BEFORE THE NOMINATING  
4        PETITION OR FILING FEE DEADLINE FOR THAT PARTISAN OFFICE, 1 OF THE  
5        FOLLOWING OF THE POLITICAL PARTY WHICH THE INCUMBENT CANDIDATE  
6        REPRESENTED BEFORE CHANGING HIS OR HER POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION  
7        MAY, WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE NOMINATING PETITION OR FILING FEE  
8        DEADLINE FOR THAT PARTISAN OFFICE, SELECT A REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE  
9        TO REPRESENT THAT POLITICAL PARTY AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT  
10       PARTISAN OFFICE:

11        (A) FOR A STATE OFFICE OR THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR,  
12       THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY.

1 (B) FOR A COUNTY OFFICE OR A DISTRICT OFFICE WITHIN AN  
2 ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF 1 COUNTY, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
3 THE POLITICAL PARTY.

4 (C) FOR A DISTRICT OFFICE WITHIN AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT LESS  
5 THAN 1 COUNTY IN WHICH 3 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
6 COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDE IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT,  
7 THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THAT POLITICAL  
8 PARTY RESIDING IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT. FOR A DISTRICT OFFICE  
9 WITHIN AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT LESS THAN 1 COUNTY IN WHICH LESS THAN  
10 3 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY  
11 RESIDE IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
12 THAT POLITICAL PARTY.

13 (D) FOR A DISTRICT OFFICE HAVING AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN MORE  
14 THAN 1 COUNTY, THE MEMBERS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
15 COMMITTEES OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDING IN THOSE PARTS OF THE  
16 COUNTIES THAT ARE IN THE DISTRICT.

17 (E) FOR A WARD OR TOWNSHIP OFFICE IN WHICH 3 OR MORE MEMBERS  
18 OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDE IN  
19 THE WARD OR TOWNSHIP, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
20 OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY RESIDING IN THE WARD OR TOWNSHIP. FOR A  
21 WARD OR TOWNSHIP OFFICE IN WHICH LESS THAN 3 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY  
22 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDE IN THE WARD OR  
23 TOWNSHIP, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY.