

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4734**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 23, 24e, 28, 821, 822, and 830 (MCL 168.23, 168.24e, 168.28, 168.821, 168.822, and 168.830), section 23 as amended by 2012 PA 417, section 821 as amended by 2003 PA 302, and section 822 as amended by 2013 PA 51, and by adding section 824a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

1           Sec. 23. (1) The chief or only judge of probate of the county  
2 or probate court district, the county clerk, and the county  
3 treasurer shall constitute a board of county election commissioners  
4 for each county. ~~, 2 of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction~~  
5 ~~of business.~~ The chief or only judge of probate of the county or  
6 probate court district and the county clerk shall act respectively

1 as chairperson and secretary of the board. In the absence or  
 2 disqualification of the county clerk from any meeting of the board  
 3 of county election commissioners, the board may select 1 of the  
 4 county clerk's deputies to act in the county clerk's place. In the  
 5 absence or disqualification of any member of the board of county  
 6 election commissioners other than the county clerk, the members of  
 7 the board who are present shall appoint ~~some other county officer~~  
 8 **THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY SHERIFF, OR REGISTER OF**  
 9 **DEEDS** in the absent or disqualified member's place, and the  
 10 appointed county officer, on being notified, shall attend without  
 11 delay and act as a member of the board.

12 (2) If a member of the board is involved in the recall of an  
 13 officer, either by assisting in the preparation of the petition for  
 14 recall or by being an officer whose recall is sought, then the  
 15 member of the board ~~shall be~~ **IS** disqualified with respect to any  
 16 determination under section 952 and ~~shall~~ **MUST** be replaced as  
 17 provided in this section.

18 Sec. 24e. **(1)** The board shall meet as necessary to transact  
 19 their business, and during the month of January in each even  
 20 numbered year elect ~~one~~ **1** of their members ~~chairman~~ **CHAIRPERSON** and  
 21 ~~one~~ **1** as ~~vice-chairman~~ **VICE-CHAIRPERSON**. Any 3 members shall  
 22 constitute a quorum, but no action ~~shall become~~ **BECOMES** effective  
 23 unless 1 member from each political party represented concurs  
 24 ~~therein~~ **IN THE ACTION**.

25 **(2)** The county clerk ~~shall be~~ **IS** the clerk of the board of  
 26 county canvassers. The ~~board of county canvassers~~ **COUNTY CLERK** may  
 27 employ ~~such~~ **ANY** assistants as are necessary **TO** adequately ~~to~~

1 perform the duties of the board. ~~and the~~ **THE** payment for the  
 2 assistants ~~shall~~ **MUST** be in amounts authorized by the ~~board of~~  
 3 ~~county canvassers~~ **COUNTY CLERK** and ~~shall~~ **MUST** be paid from an  
 4 appropriation made for that purpose by the **COUNTY** board of  
 5 ~~supervisors prior to~~ **COMMISSIONERS BEFORE** the canvass.

6       Sec. 28. Members of the various boards of election  
 7 commissioners ~~and boards of canvassers~~ and any other person charged  
 8 with duties in connection with the conduct of primaries, elections,  
 9 canvassing of returns, and recounts ~~shall~~ **MUST** receive such  
 10 compensation as ~~shall be~~ **IS** determined by the legislative body of  
 11 ~~the~~ **THIS** state, **THE** county, **THE** city, **THE** township, or **THE** village,  
 12 as ~~the case may be~~. **APPLICABLE. THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 13 **SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK TO DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION**  
 14 **FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AND ANY ASSISTANTS EMPLOYED BY**  
 15 **THE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS.**

16       Sec. 821. (1) ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE**  
 17 board of county canvassers shall meet at the office of the county  
 18 clerk at ~~1 p.m.~~ **NO LATER THAN 9 A.M.** on the day ~~THURSDAY~~ after the  
 19 day of a general election, August primary, or presidential primary  
 20 election **ANY ELECTION HELD** in the county. ~~Except as provided in~~  
 21 ~~subsection (2), for other elections the board shall meet within 5~~  
 22 ~~days following the election.~~ **THE COUNTY CLERK OR THE COUNTY CLERK'S**  
 23 **STAFF SHALL DETERMINE THE MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR THE BOARD OF**  
 24 **COUNTY CANVASSERS.**

25       (2) If, at an election held on the May regular election date,  
 26 a ballot question appears on the ballot concerning **AN** authorized  
 27 millage that is subject to a millage reduction as provided in

1 section 34d of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL  
2 211.34d, the board of county canvassers shall meet to canvass and  
3 certify the results of the vote on that proposition after May 31  
4 and before June 15 following the election.

5 Sec. 822. (1) The board of county canvassers shall then  
6 proceed without delay to canvass the returns of votes cast for all  
7 candidates for offices voted for and all questions voted on at the  
8 election, according to the precinct returns filed with the probate  
9 judge or presiding probate judge by the several city and township  
10 clerks, or in case of local elections according to the precinct  
11 returns filed with the county clerk, and ~~shall~~**MUST** conclude the  
12 canvass at the earliest possible time and in every case ~~within 14~~  
13 ~~days~~**NO LATER THAN THE FOURTEENTH DAY AFTER THE ELECTION.**

14 (2) If the board of county canvassers fails to certify the  
15 results of any election for any officer or proposition ~~within~~**BY**  
16 ~~the 14 days~~**FOURTEENTH DAY AFTER THE ELECTION** as provided, the  
17 board of county canvassers shall immediately deliver to the  
18 secretary of the board of state canvassers all records and other  
19 information pertaining to the election. The board of state  
20 canvassers shall meet immediately and make the necessary  
21 determinations and certify the results within the 10 days  
22 immediately following the receipt of the records from the board of  
23 county canvassers. The cost of the canvass ~~shall~~**MUST** be borne by  
24 the county involved.

25 **SEC. 824A. IN ANY STATEMENT PREPARED UNDER SECTION 824, THE**  
26 **BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS SHALL DISCLOSE THE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-**  
27 **BALANCE PRECINCTS THAT WERE NOT RECONCILED DURING THE COUNTY**

1 **CANVASS PROCESS.**

2           Sec. 830. Each ~~county canvasser and county clerk shall~~**MUST**  
3 receive ~~such~~ reasonable compensation for services performed  
4 ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~**UNDER** this act as ~~shall be~~**ARE**  
5 allowed by the **COUNTY** board of ~~supervisors or county auditors,~~  
6 **COMMISSIONERS**, which compensation ~~shall~~**MUST** be paid out of the  
7 treasury of the county.

8           Enacting section 1. Sections 24f and 24h of the Michigan  
9 election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.24f and 168.24h, are repealed.

10           Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
11 after the date it is enacted into law.