

HOUSE BILL NO. 4505

April 25, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Garza, Liberati, Sowerby, LaGrand, Brenda Carter, Coleman, Shannon, Tyrone Carter, Kennedy, Elder, Brixie, Howell, Cynthia Johnson, Sneller, Ellison, Guerra, Hope, Chirkun and Love and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 634b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 634b. (1) If a vacancy occurs in the office of state
2 senator or representative and the governor directs that the vacancy
3 be filled at a special election in that senatorial or
4 representative district, this state shall reimburse each county,
5 city, or township for the cost of conducting the special election.



1 The reimbursement must not exceed the verified account of actual
2 costs of the special election as provided in this section.

3 (2) Payment must be made upon presentation and approval of a
4 verified account of actual costs to the department of treasury,
5 local audit and finance division, after the department of treasury
6 and the secretary of state agree as to what constitutes valid costs
7 of conducting an election. Reimbursable costs do not include
8 salaries of permanent local officials or the cost of reusable
9 supplies and equipment.

10 (3) The legislature shall appropriate from the general fund of
11 this state an amount necessary to implement this section.

12 (4) To qualify for reimbursement, a county, city, or township
13 must submit its verified account of actual costs before the
14 expiration of 90 days after the date of the special election. This
15 state shall pay or disapprove all or a portion of the verified
16 account before the expiration of 90 days after this state receives
17 a verified account of actual costs under this subsection.

18 (5) If this state disapproves all or a portion of a verified
19 account of actual costs under subsection (4), this state shall send
20 a notice of disapproval along with the reasons for the disapproval
21 to the county, city, or township. Upon request of a county, city,
22 or township whose verified account or portion of a verified account
23 was disapproved under this section, this state shall review the
24 disapproved costs with the county, city, or township.

