

SENATE BILL NO. 25

January 15, 2019, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 282a (MCL 168.282a) and by adding section 282b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 282a. At its fall state convention of 1964, each
2 political party may nominate 8 candidates for membership on the
3 state board of education. Two candidates shall be nominated for 2-
4 year terms, 2 for 4-year terms, 2 for 6-year terms and 2 for 8-year
5 terms. At its fall state convention of 1966, and every 2 years

1 thereafter, each political party may, **subject to section 282b,**
2 nominate 2 candidates for membership on the state board of
3 education.

4 **Sec. 282b. (1) In order to better promote a diversity of**
5 **perspectives on the state board of education representative of the**
6 **great diversity of schools, students, and communities across the**
7 **many regions of this state, it is the intent of the legislature**
8 **that members of the state board of education be nominated by**
9 **regions, but still be elected and serve statewide.**

10 (2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that
11 added this section, this state is divided into 8 regions for each
12 political party to select members to the state board of education.
13 The regions are constituted as follows:

14 (a) Region 1 which consists of the counties of Alger, Baraga,
15 Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw,
16 Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft.

17 (b) Region 2 which consists of the counties of Alcona, Alpena,
18 Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford,
19 Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau,
20 Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda,
21 Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford.

22 (c) Region 3 which consists of the counties of Gratiot, Ionia,
23 Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo,
24 Oceana, and Ottawa.

25 (d) Region 4 which consists of the counties of Bay, Genesee,
26 Huron, Lapeer, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac, Shiawassee, and
27 Tuscola.

28 (e) Region 5 which consists of the counties of Allegan, Barry,
29 Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van

1 Buren.

2 (f) Region 6 which consists of the counties of Clinton, Eaton,
3 Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and
4 Washtenaw.

5 (g) Region 7 which consists of the counties of Macomb and
6 Oakland.

7 (h) Region 8 which consists of Wayne County.

8 (3) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that
9 added this section, each political party may nominate candidates
10 for membership on the state board of education as follows:

11 (a) At its fall state convention of 2020, and every 8 years
12 thereafter, each political party may nominate for membership on the
13 state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of region 1
14 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 5, or any individual
15 elected to and serving a term of office on the state board of
16 education on the effective date of the amendatory act that added
17 this section.

18 (b) At its fall state convention of 2022, and every 8 years
19 thereafter, each political party may nominate for membership on the
20 state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of region 3
21 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 7, or any individual
22 elected to and serving a term of office on the state board of
23 education on the effective date of the amendatory act that added
24 this section.

25 (c) At its fall state convention of 2024, and every 8 years
26 thereafter, each political party may nominate for membership on the
27 state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of region 2
28 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 6, or any individual
29 elected to and serving a term of office on the state board of

1 education on the effective date of the amendatory act that added
2 this section.

3 (d) At its fall state convention of 2026, and every 8 years
4 thereafter, each political party may nominate for membership on the
5 state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of region 4
6 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 8, or any individual
7 elected to and serving a term of office on the state board of
8 education on the effective date of the amendatory act that added
9 this section.

10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
11 after the date it is enacted into law.