SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 707

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 931c. (1) An individual who intentionally and knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation to another individual 2 3 concerning any of the following is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation: 4
 - (a) The time, place, or manner of an election.
- 6 (b) The qualifications for or restrictions on voter 7 eligibility.
- (c) Criminal penalties associated with voting in an election. 8
- 9 (d) An individual's voter registration status or eligibility.

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- 1 (2) An individual intentionally and knowingly makes a false 2 statement or misrepresentation under subsection (1) if the 3 individual knows the statement or misrepresentation is false and 4 makes the false statement or misrepresentation with the intent to 5 impede or prevent another individual from exercising the 6 individual's right to vote in an election.
 - (3) Subject to subsection (4), an entity that employs, for an election-related purpose, an individual who violates this section is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$10,000.00, unless that entity demonstrates that the entity did not have any prior knowledge that the individual planned to make a false statement or misrepresentation that violates this section.
 - (4) If an entity described in subsection (3) is a local government, there is a rebuttable presumption that the local government did not have any prior knowledge that an individual planned to make a false statement or misrepresentation that violates this section.

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