SENATE BILL NO. 533

September 09, 2025, Introduced by Senators CAVANAGH and MOSS and referred to 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 931c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 931c. (1) An individual who intentionally and knowingly
- 2 makes a false statement or misrepresentation to another individual
- 3 concerning any of the following is subject to a civil fine of not
- 4 more than \$1,000.00 for each violation:
- 5 (a) The time, place, or manner of an election.
- 6 (b) The qualifications for or restrictions on voter

- 1 eligibility.
- 2 (c) Criminal penalties associated with voting in an election.
- 3 (d) An individual's voter registration status or eligibility.
- 4 (2) An individual intentionally and knowingly makes a false
- 5 statement or misrepresentation under subsection (1) if the
- 6 individual knows the statement or misrepresentation is false and
- 7 makes the false statement or misrepresentation with the intent to
- 8 impede or prevent another individual from exercising the
- 9 individual's right to vote in an election.
- 10 (3) Subject to subsection (4), an entity that employs, for an
- 11 election-related purpose, an individual who violates this section
- 12 is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$10,000.00, unless that
- 13 entity demonstrates that the entity did not have any prior
- 14 knowledge that the individual planned to make a false statement or
- 15 misrepresentation that violates this section.
- 16 (4) If an entity described in subsection (3) is a local
- 17 government, there is a rebuttable presumption that the local
- 18 government did not have any prior knowledge that an individual
- 19 planned to make a false statement or misrepresentation that
- 20 violates this section.