

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4656

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 931A. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
2        CONTRARY, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE  
3        NAME OF AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF THIS STATE OR A  
4        POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SHALL NOT APPEAR ON ANY BALLOT-  
5        RELATED MATERIAL THAT IS PROVIDED TO AN ELECTOR. AS USED IN THIS  
6        SECTION, "BALLOT-RELATED MATERIAL" INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

7        (A) ANY MATERIAL PROVIDED TO AN ELECTOR WITH AN ABSENT VOTER  
8        BALLOT.

9        (B) ABSENT VOTER BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS.

10       (C) AN ENVELOPE USED TO MAIL TO AN ELECTOR AN ABSENT VOTER  
11       BALLOT OR ANY OTHER BALLOT MATERIAL.

1 (D) AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE.

2 (2) ANY BALLOT-RELATED MATERIAL PRINTED OR PREPARED BEFORE THE  
3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION THAT  
4 CONTAINS THE NAME OF AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF THIS STATE  
5 OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY BE USED IF THE ELECTED  
6 OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT-RELATED  
7 MATERIALS IS NOT A CANDIDATE AT THE ELECTION IN WHICH THOSE BALLOT-  
8 RELATED MATERIALS ARE BEING USED.

9 (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
10 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100.00 FOR A  
11 FIRST OFFENSE AND IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE  
12 OF NOT MORE THAN \$250.00 FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.