

HOUSE BILL No. 4624

May 13, 1987, Introduced by Rep. Middaugh and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend section 624 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
being section 168.624 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 624 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of
2 1954, being section 168.624 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 624. (1) A person holding a public office in this
5 state or municipal subdivision ~~thereof~~ OF THIS STATE may become
6 a candidate for delegate to the county or district conventions.
7 All candidates for the office of delegate to the county or dis-
8 trict conventions of each political party shall be qualified,
9 registered electors residing within, as well as having their
10 actual bona fide residence within, the election precinct ~~for~~ IN

1 which they desire to become a candidate. A candidate shall file
2 a petition with the county clerk ~~of the county~~ not later than 4
3 p.m., on the seventieth day preceding the time designated for
4 holding a primary election in the county. ~~, bearing~~ THE PETI-
5 TION SHALL BEAR the signatures of not less than ~~15 and not more~~
6 ~~than 20~~ 5 registered electors residing within the precinct ~~for~~
7 IN which the petitioner desires to become a candidate. The peti-
8 tion shall be in the form required by the ~~general~~ laws of the
9 state governing the filing of nominating petitions by candidates
10 for other county offices at primary elections. ~~, and in~~
11 ~~addition~~ THE PETITION shall state the candidate's place of resi-
12 dence and bear a signed affidavit of the candidate authorizing
13 its filing. All duly elected and certified delegates shall be
14 seated at the county or district county conventions. A person
15 violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

16 (2) ~~When~~ IF the county clerk ~~shall receive~~ RECEIVES a
17 sworn complaint, in writing, questioning the validity of the reg-
18 istration or genuineness of the signature of the circulator or of
19 a person signing the petition, the county clerk shall cause the
20 petition or petitions to be forwarded to the proper city clerk or
21 township clerk to compare the signatures appearing on the peti-
22 tion with the signatures appearing on the registration record, or
23 in some other proper manner determine whether the signatures
24 appearing on the petition are valid and genuine. ~~When~~ IF a
25 request is made by the county clerk, the city clerk ~~, or~~ or town-
26 ship clerk shall complete the investigation and report his OR HER
27 findings to the county clerk within 7 days after the request.

1 Complaints ~~respecting~~ REGARDING the validity or genuineness of
2 signatures on the petitions shall not be acted upon unless
3 received by the county clerk by the sixty-third day preceding the
4 primary election.

5 (3) ~~When~~ IF a written complaint ~~shall be~~ IS made to the
6 county clerk with respect to the registration or bona fide resi-
7 dence, or both, of a candidate, the county clerk shall check with
8 the township or city clerk of the township or city in which the
9 candidate is registered or residing, or both, who shall report
10 back to the county clerk within 48 hours as to the registration
11 or bona fide residence, or both, of the candidate. If the report
12 shows that the candidate is not a registered elector or a bona
13 fide resident, or both, of the election precinct of the township
14 or city for which the petition shows he OR SHE is a resident, the
15 county clerk shall remove the name of the candidate from the
16 ballot. A complaint received by the county clerk after the bal-
17 lots have been released for printing shall not be acted upon.