

HOUSE BILL No. 5815

July 13, 1988, Introduced by Rep. Sitz and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend sections 730 and 731 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled "Michigan election law," being sections 168.730 and 168.731 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 730 and 731 of Act No. 116 of the
2 Public Acts of 1954, being sections 168.730 and 168.731 of the
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 730. At every election, A CANDIDATE, each ~~of the~~
5 political ~~parties~~ PARTY, and ~~any~~ AN incorporated organization
6 or organized committee of citizens interested in the adoption or
7 defeat of any measure to be voted ~~for or~~ upon at ~~such~~ THAT
8 election ~~—~~ or interested in preserving the purity of elections
9 and in guarding against the abuse of the elective franchise ~~—~~

1 may designate challengers as ~~herein~~ provided IN THIS ACT.
2 Challengers shall be registered and qualified electors of the
3 city or township in which they serve. A candidate for nomination
4 or election to any office shall not serve as a challenger at the
5 primary or election in which he OR SHE is a candidate, except
6 that a candidate for delegate to a county convention may serve as
7 a challenger in a precinct other than the one in which he OR SHE
8 is a candidate. A person who is appointed as an election inspec-
9 tor at any primary or election ~~may~~ SHALL not act as a chal-
10 lenger at any time during the primary or election day. Political
11 parties, CANDIDATES, organizations, or committees may designate
12 not ~~to exceed~~ MORE THAN 1 challenger to serve in a precinct at
13 any ~~one~~ 1 time. The election commission or city clerk of any
14 city may refuse to certify to the inspectors of election the name
15 of any organization or committee which fails to furnish evidence
16 satisfactory to the commission that the organization or committee
17 is devoted to the purposes enumerated in this section.

18 Sec. 731. Not less than 10 nor more than 20 days ~~prior to~~
19 BEFORE any election, any CANDIDATE, organization, or committee of
20 citizens, other than political party committees authorized by
21 ~~the provisions of~~ this act, intending to appoint challengers at
22 ~~such~~ THE election shall file with the clerk of the county,
23 city, village, or township in which ~~such~~ THE election is to be
24 held, a statement setting forth the intention of ~~such~~ THE
25 CANDIDATE, organization, or committee to appoint ~~such~~
26 challengers. ~~Such~~ THE statement shall set forth the reason why
27 ~~such~~ THE CANDIDATE, organization, or committee claims the right

1 to appoint ~~such~~ challengers, with a facsimile of the card to be
2 used, and shall be signed and sworn to by the chief presiding
3 officer, the secretary, or some other officer of ~~such~~ THE orga-
4 nization or committee, ~~— Prior to~~ OR IF THE STATEMENT IS FOR A
5 CANDIDATE, BY THE CANDIDATE. BEFORE the opening of the polls,
6 ~~such~~ THE clerk shall certify in writing to the inspectors of
7 election in ~~such~~ THE county, city, village, or township the
8 names of any CANDIDATE, organization, or committee authorized to
9 appoint and keep challengers at the places of voting in ~~such~~
10 THE county, city, village, or township. ~~Any~~ A person who
11 ~~shall file such~~ FILES A statement ~~in~~ ON behalf of any
12 CANDIDATE, organization, or committee not authorized by ~~the pro-~~
13 ~~visions of~~ this act to appoint ~~such~~ challengers, or any
14 county, city, village, or township clerk who ~~shall wilfully~~
15 WILLFULLY and intentionally ~~fail~~ FAILS to perform the duties
16 required of him ~~by the provisions of this section shall, upon~~
17 ~~conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, or by~~
18 ~~imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding 2 years, or by~~
19 ~~both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court~~
20 OR HER IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR
21 NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS, OR BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00,
22 OR BOTH.