

# SENATE BILL No. 895

May 25, 1988, Introduced by Senators CROPSEY, EHLERS, J. HART,  
DILLINGHAM, GEO. HART, GEAKE, GAST, WELBORN, CARL and BARCIA  
and referred to the Committee on Local Government and  
Veterans.

A bill to amend section 358 of Act No. 116 of the Public  
Acts of 1954, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
as amended by Act No. 33 of the Public Acts of 1986, being sec-  
tion 168.358 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 358 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of  
2 1954, as amended by Act No. 33 of the Public Acts of 1986, being  
3 section 168.358 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 358. (1) In every township there shall be a general  
6 November election in each even numbered year for the election of  
7 officers and the submission of propositions, as provided by law.  
8 At the 1980 general election there shall be elected by ballot the  
9 following township officers: ~~A~~ A supervisor; a clerk; a

1 treasurer; 2 trustees; not more than 4 constables; and, if  
2 authorized by law and after a township takes the actions provided  
3 in section 11 of Act No. 164 of the Public Acts of 1877, as  
4 amended, being section 397.211 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 6  
5 free public library directors; and, after a township takes the  
6 actions provided in section 1 of Act No. 271 of the Public Acts  
7 of 1931, as amended, being section 41.441 of the Michigan  
8 Compiled Laws, 6 park commission members. ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS OTHER-  
9 WISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE order of offices on the  
10 township portion of the ballots shall be the same as the ORDER IN  
11 WHICH THE officers are ~~here~~ listed IN THIS SUBSECTION. FREE  
12 PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS SHALL BE LISTED ON THE NONPARTISAN POR-  
13 TION OF THE BALLOT.

14 (2) The number of constables to be elected shall be deter-  
15 mined by the township board not less than 6 months before the  
16 township primary election preceding the general election at which  
17 the constables are to be elected. If a determination as to the  
18 number of constables to be elected is not made by the township  
19 board, 2 constables shall be elected.

20 (3) In a township having a population of 5,000 or more, or  
21 having 3,000 or more qualified and registered electors, as shown  
22 by the registration records at the close of registration for the  
23 last preceding November election, there may be elected in that  
24 township 4 trustees. In other townships there shall be 2  
25 trustees. A township shall not elect 4 trustees unless the elec-  
26 tion of additional trustees is approved by the voters at a  
27 general election or by a majority of the voters attending at an

1 annual meeting. The township board of a township having a  
2 population of 5,000 or more, or having 3,000 or more qualified  
3 and registered electors, shall ~~cause~~ HAVE the question of  
4 ~~electing~~ WHETHER OR NOT TO ELECT additional trustees ~~to be~~  
5 voted on BY THE ELECTORS at the first general election or annual  
6 meeting following the township's qualifying for additional  
7 trustees. If a majority of the electors voting on the question  
8 vote in favor of electing 4 trustees, the township shall thereaf-  
9 ter elect 4 trustees. If a majority of the electors voting on  
10 the question do not vote in favor of electing 4 trustees, the  
11 township board may resubmit the question at a subsequent general  
12 election or annual meeting or the question shall be submitted at  
13 the first general election or annual meeting held not less than  
14 49 days following the submission of a petition containing the  
15 signatures of not less than 10% of the registered and qualified  
16 electors of the township, as shown by the registration records at  
17 the close of registration for the last preceding November elec-  
18 tion, asking that the question be submitted.

19 (4) At the first general election in a township held not  
20 less than 4 months after the provisions of this section relative  
21 to additional trustees are adopted, there shall be elected the  
22 number of trustees necessary to make a total of 4 trustees. If  
23 the additional trustees are elected at a general election which  
24 is not a regular township election, the additional trustees shall  
25 hold office only until a successor is elected at the next regular  
26 township election and qualifies for office.

1       (5) This section does not prohibit townships now electing 4  
2 trustees from continuing to do so.