

HOUSE BILL No. 5556

February 25, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Brackenridge and Niederstadt and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

A bill to amend sections 200 and 643 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled "Michigan election law," being sections 168.200 and 168.643 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 200 and 643 of Act No. 116 of the
2 Public Acts of 1954, being sections 168.200 and 168.643 of the
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 200. (1) A county clerk, a county treasurer, a regis-
5 ter of deeds, a prosecuting attorney, a sheriff, a drain commis-
6 sioner, AND a surveyor ~~and 2 coroners~~ shall be elected at
7 ~~each~~ THE general November election ~~:- Provided, That in any~~
8 ~~county in which 1 or more of these offices have been or may be~~
9 ~~abolished-~~ IN 1992 AND EVERY FOURTH YEAR THEREAFTER. HOWEVER,

1 IF, as provided by law, 1 OF THESE OFFICES IS ABOLISHED IN A
2 COUNTY, no person shall be elected ~~therefor~~ TO THAT OFFICE IN
3 THAT COUNTY.

4 (2) The COUNTY board of ~~supervisors~~ COMMISSIONERS in ~~any~~
5 A county may ~~unite~~ BY RESOLUTION COMBINE the offices of county
6 clerk and register of deeds in 1 office or separate the ~~same~~
7 OFFICES at pleasure.

8 (3) BEFORE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO COMBINE OR SEPARATE THE
9 OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS, THE COUNTY BOARD
10 OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE QUESTION
11 OF COMBINING OR SEPARATING THE OFFICES. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CON-
12 SIST OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

13 (A) THE COUNTY CLERK AND THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, OR, IF THE
14 OFFICES ARE COMBINED, THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDING THE COMBINED
15 OFFICE.

16 (B) TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

17 (C) A COUNTY RESIDENT WHO IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF
18 THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN.

19 (D) A COUNTY RESIDENT WHO IS A TITLE INSURANCE SALESPERSON
20 LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 12 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, ACT
21 NO. 218 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1956, BEING SECTIONS 500.1200 TO
22 500.1244 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, OR WHO IS EMPLOYED IN THE
23 BANKING OR FINANCE INDUSTRY.

24 (4) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD AT LEAST 1 PUBLIC HEARING ON
25 THE QUESTION OF COMBINING OR SEPARATING THE OFFICES OF COUNTY
26 CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS. NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE
27 COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED OR AT A LATER DATE DETERMINED BY THE

1 COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE
2 COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ITS FINDINGS ON THE EFFECTS OF COM-
3 BINING OR SEPARATING THE OFFICES AND ITS RECOMMENDATION AS TO
4 WHETHER THE OFFICES SHOULD BE COMBINED OR SEPARATED.

5 (5) AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE
6 COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXPIRES AND NOT LATER THAN THE
7 SIXTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS
8 FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OR REGISTER OF DEEDS, THE COUNTY
9 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY COMBINE OR SEPARATE THE OFFICES BY
10 RESOLUTION EFFECTIVE UPON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT TERM OF
11 OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OR REGISTER OF DEEDS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF
12 THE RESOLUTION.

13 Sec. 643. At the general November elections, there shall be
14 elected when required by law the following officers:

15 (A) ~~1.~~ Presidential electors. ~~—~~

16 (B) ~~2.~~ In the state at large, a governor and a lieutenant
17 governor, a secretary of state and an attorney general. ~~—~~

18 (C) ~~3.~~ A United States senator. ~~—~~

19 (D) ~~4.~~ In each congressional district, a representative in
20 congress. ~~—~~

21 (E) ~~5.~~ In each state senatorial district, a state senator.
22 ~~—~~

23 (F) ~~6.~~ In each state representative district, a represen-
24 tative in the state legislature. ~~—~~

25 (G) ~~7.~~ Justices of the supreme court. ~~—~~

26 (H) ~~8.~~ Two members of the state board of education; except
27 as provided in section 282a. ~~—~~

1 (I) ~~9.~~ Two regents of the ~~University~~ UNIVERSITY of
2 Michigan. ~~—~~

3 (J) ~~10.~~ Two trustees of Michigan ~~State University,~~ STATE
4 UNIVERSITY.

5 (K) ~~11.~~ Two governors of Wayne ~~State University,~~ STATE
6 UNIVERSITY.

7 (L) ~~12.~~ In each county or district, judges of the court of
8 appeals, a judge or judges of the circuit court, a judge or
9 judges of probate, ~~a circuit court commissioner or circuit court~~
10 ~~commissioners,~~ A JUDGE OR JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT, a prose-
11 cuting attorney, a sheriff, ~~a clerk,~~ a treasurer, ~~a register~~
12 ~~of deeds,~~ an auditor, a mine inspector, a county road commis-
13 sioner, a drain commissioner, ~~2 coroners~~ and a surveyor AND,
14 SUBJECT TO SECTION 200, A CLERK AND A REGISTER OF DEEDS. ~~The~~
15 ~~board of supervisors in any county may unite the offices of~~
16 ~~county clerk and register of deeds in 1 office or separate the~~
17 ~~same at pleasure,~~

18 (M) ~~13.~~ Township officers. ~~—~~

19 (N) ~~14.~~ Such other OTHER officers ~~as by this act or oth-~~
20 ~~erwise by law are now or hereafter may be~~ required BY LAW to be
21 elected at ~~such~~ THE GENERAL NOVEMBER election.