

# SENATE BILL No. 487

September 19, 1991, Introduced by Senators BERRYMAN, WELBORN, MILLER, DINGELL, CHERRY, CONROY, FAUST, HART, KOIVISTO, STABENOW, V. SMITH, BARCIA, FAXON and KELLY and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend sections 485 and 643a of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled "Michigan election law," being sections 168.485 and 168.643a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 485 and 643a of Act No. 116 of the  
2 Public Acts of 1954, being sections 168.485 and 168.643a of the  
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 485. ~~Any~~ A question submitted to the electors of  
5 this state or the electors of ~~any~~ A subdivision of this state  
6 shall, to the extent that it will not confuse the electorate, be  
7 worded ~~in the following manner: A "yes"~~ SO THAT A "FOR" vote  
8 will be a vote in favor of the subject matter of the proposal or  
9 issue ~~—~~ and ~~a "no"~~ AN "AGAINST" vote will be a vote against

1 the subject matter of the proposal or issue. ~~Questions~~ THE  
2 QUESTION shall be worded so as to apprise the voters of the  
3 subject matter of the proposal or issue, but need not be legally  
4 precise. THE QUESTION SHALL BE CLEARLY WRITTEN USING WORDS THAT  
5 HAVE A COMMON EVERYDAY MEANING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. The lan-  
6 guage used shall NOT create ~~no~~ prejudice for or against the  
7 issue or proposal.

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