



# SENATE BILL No. 129

January 13, 1993, Introduced by Senator DI NELLO and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend section 544c of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled "Michigan election law," as amended by Act No. 329 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 168.544c of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 544c of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts  
2 of 1954, as amended by Act No. 329 of the Public Acts of 1990,  
3 being section 168.544c of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 544c. (1) ~~The size of all~~ A nominating ~~petitions~~  
6 PETITION shall be 8-1/2 inches by 13 inches IN SIZE. On a nomi-  
7 nating petition, the words "nominating petition" shall be PRINTED  
8 in 24-point boldface type. ~~-, "we,~~ "WE the undersigned," et

1 cetera shall be printed in 8-point type. ~~---"warning"~~ "WARNING"  
 2 and language in the warning shall be PRINTED in 12-point boldface  
 3 type. ~~---and the~~ THE balance of the petition shall be PRINTED  
 4 in 8-point type. The name, address, and party affiliation of the  
 5 candidate and the office for which petitions are signed shall be  
 6 in type not larger than 24-point. The petition shall be in the  
 7 following form:

8 NOMINATING PETITION

9 (PARTISAN)

10 We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of  
 11 the city or township of ....., in the county of  
 12 (strike 1)  
 13 ..... and state of Michigan, ~~---hereby~~ nominate,  
 14 ..... ,  
 15 .....  
 16 ..... ,  
 17 (Name of Candidate)  
 18 ..... ,  
 19 ..... ,  
 20 (Street Address or Rural Route) (Post Office)  
 21 as a candidate of the ..... party for the office of  
 22 ..... , ..... ,  
 23 (District, if any)  
 24 to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the  
 25 ..... day of ..... , 19... .

26 WARNING

27 ~~---Whoever~~ A PERSON WHO knowingly signs more petitions for  
 28 the same office than there are persons to be elected to the  
 29 office, ~~---or~~ signs a name other than his or her own, OR RECEIVES  
 30 COMPENSATION FOR SIGNING THIS PETITION ~~---violating~~ is IN  
 31 VIOLATION OF the provisions of the Michigan election law.

|    | Name | Street Address<br>or<br>Rural Route | Post Office | Date of Signing<br>Mo. Day Year |
|----|------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. |      |                                     |             |                                 |
| 2. |      |                                     |             |                                 |
| 3. |      |                                     |             |                                 |
| 4. |      |                                     |             |                                 |

20 numbered lines as above

# CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is qualified to circulate this petition, that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence, AND THAT THE CIRCULATOR OF THE PETITION IS NOT BEING COMPENSATED FOR CIRCULATING THE PETITION; AND that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the ~~same and that~~ PETITION, the person SIGNING THE PETITION was at the time of signing a qualified registered elector of the city or township listed in the heading of the petition, and ~~that~~ the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

Circulator--Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| (Signature of Circulator)                           | (Date) |
| (City or Township Where Registered)                 |        |
| Complete Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) |        |
| (Post Office)                                       |        |

1       Warning-A circulator knowingly making a false statement in  
2 the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a  
3 circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her  
4 own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

5       (2) At the time of circulation, the circulator of a petition  
6 shall be a qualified elector of ~~the~~ THIS state. At the time of  
7 executing the certificate of circulator, the circulator shall be  
8 registered in the city or township indicated in the certificate  
9 of circulator on the petition.

10       (3) The circulator of a petition shall sign and date the  
11 certificate of circulator only after all electors' signatures  
12 appearing have been obtained. A filing official shall not count  
13 electors' signatures that were obtained after the date the circu-  
14 lator ~~signs~~ SIGNED the certificate or are contained in a peti-  
15 tion that the circulator ~~does~~ DID not sign and date.

16       (4) Except as provided in section 544d, a petition sheet  
17 shall not be circulated in more than 1 city or township and ~~all~~  
18 ~~the signers of that~~ EACH SIGNER OF A petition sheet shall be  
19 registered ~~electors~~ ELECTOR of the city or township indicated  
20 in the heading of the petition sheet. The invalidity of 1 or  
21 more signatures on a petition ~~shall~~ DOES not affect the valid-  
22 ity of the remainder of the signatures on the petition.

23       (5) A person shall not sign more nominating petitions for  
24 the same office than there are persons to be elected to the  
25 office.

26       (6) A person who signs a petition with a name other than his  
27 or her own is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 (7) A person who knowingly ~~makes~~ DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
2 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR:

3 (A) MAKES a false statement in a certificate on a petition.

4 ~~, a person not a circulator who signs~~

5 (B) SIGNS as a circulator ~~, or a person who signs~~ IF HE OR  
6 SHE IS NOT THE PERSON WHO CIRCULATED THAT PETITION.

7 (C) SIGNS a name as circulator other than his or her own.

8 ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

9 (D) SIGNS A PETITION FOR COMPENSATION.

10 (E) CIRCULATES A PETITION FOR COMPENSATION.

11 (8) A person who aids or abets another in an act that is  
12 prohibited by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

13 (9) ~~The provisions of~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW,  
14 this section ~~except as otherwise expressly provided shall apply~~  
15 APPLIES to all petitions circulated under THE authority of ~~the~~  
16 ~~election law~~ THIS ACT.