



SENATE BILL No. 410

February 18, 1993, Introduced by Senator VAUGHN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend section 1166 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being section 380.1166 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1166 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1976, being section 380.1166 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1166. (1) In all public and nonpublic schools in this
5 state regular courses of instruction shall be given in the con-
6 stitution of the United States, in the constitution of Michigan,
7 and in the history and present form of government of the United
8 States, Michigan, and its political subdivisions. Instruction
9 shall begin not later than the opening of the eighth grade, or

1 its equivalent, except in schools maintaining a junior high
2 school, in which case it may begin in the ninth grade.

3 (2) A ~~high~~ school DISTRICT in this state ~~which~~ THAT
4 offers 12 grades shall require IN HIGH SCHOOL a 1-semester course
5 of study of 5 periods per week in civics ~~which shall include~~
6 THAT INCLUDES the form and functions of the federal, state, and
7 local governments and shall stress the rights and responsibili-
8 ties of citizens, AND THAT INCLUDES THE REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED IN
9 SUBSECTION (3). A ~~diploma shall not be issued by a~~ high school
10 OR SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT ISSUE A DIPLOMA to a pupil who has
11 not successfully completed this course. This requirement ~~shall~~
12 IS not ~~be~~ applicable as a graduation requirement for a high
13 school pupil who has enlisted or been inducted into military
14 service.

15 (3) BEGINNING IN THE 1993-1994 SCHOOL YEAR, THE COURSE
16 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) SHALL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH
17 PUPIL TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS STATE, EFFECTIVE UPON THE PUPIL
18 ATTAINING AGE 18, AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (4), SHALL INCLUDE AS
19 A REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE THAT THE
20 PUPIL MUST REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS STATE. SCHOOL OFFICIALS
21 SHALL COOPERATE AS NECESSARY WITH LOCAL ELECTIONS OFFICIALS TO
22 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.

23 (4) IF A PUPIL IN THE COURSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)
24 DOES NOT REGISTER TO VOTE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) BECAUSE
25 OF RELIGIOUS OR OTHER PERSONAL CONVICTIONS, THE PUPIL MAY INSTEAD
26 SATISFY THE VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (3) BY

1 WRITING AND SUBMITTING TO THE TEACHER AN ESSAY EXPLAINING THE
2 RATIONALE FOR HIS OR HER DECISION NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE.

3 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
4 Senate Bill No. 411
5 of the 87th Legislature is enacted into law.