



HOUSE BILL No. 5080

September 20, 1995, Introduced by Rep. Munsell and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend section 599 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled as amended
"Michigan election law,"
being section 168.599 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 599 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of
2 1954, being section 168.599 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 Sec. 599. (1) In the year 1966 and every second year
5 ~~thereafter~~ AFTER 1966, the delegates to the fall county conven-
6 tion of each political party in each county in this state
7 ~~having~~ THAT HAS a population of less than 1,500,000 — shall
8 convene at the call of the county chairperson within 20 days
9 following the GENERAL November election to select a number of
10 persons equal to the number of county offices and state

1 legislative offices for which candidates were nominated at the
2 last 2 preceding fall primary elections. ~~who,~~ THE PERSONS
3 SELECTED UNDER THIS SECTION, together with the persons most
4 recently nominated by the party for each of those offices, shall
5 constitute the executive committee of their party for that
6 county. ADDITIONALLY, A PERSON WHO WAS A CANDIDATE AND WHO WAS
7 ELECTED TO A STATEWIDE OFFICE AT THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING GEN-
8 ERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION IS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
9 HIS OR HER PARTY FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PERSON RESIDES. When
10 a new nomination is made for an office, the nominee for which is
11 entitled to serve as a member of the executive committee, the new
12 nominee shall replace the former nominee as a member of the execu-
13 tive committee. If a vacancy occurs in the position of
14 delegate-appointed member of the executive committee, the remain-
15 ing delegate-appointed members shall fill the vacancy. Except as
16 otherwise provided in this section, the executive committee may
17 appoint the officers it considers proper to carry out the pur-
18 poses of the committee, and may fill a vacancy in any of its
19 offices.

20 (2) Immediately following the selection of members of the
21 executive committee, including the filling of vacancies, the sec-
22 retary of the county committee shall certify the names and
23 addresses of the persons chosen to the county clerk. ~~who~~ UPON
24 RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFICATION, THE COUNTY CLERK immediately shall
25 notify each person chosen.

26 (3) Within 30 days following the convening of the fall
27 county convention the executive committee, acting without the

1 officers of the county committee who are not otherwise members of
2 the executive committee, shall meet and select a temporary chair-
3 person and temporary secretary. The temporary officers shall
4 serve only during the selection of the officers of the executive
5 committee who shall also serve as the officers of the county com-
6 mittee for the 2 years commencing on THE IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING
7 January 1. ~~next.~~ The ~~officers~~ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall ~~be~~
8 SELECT a chairperson, a vice-chairperson who shall be of the
9 opposite sex of the chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer.
10 Candidates for legislative offices consisting of more than 1
11 county may give a written proxy to other members of the executive
12 committee.

13 (4) After the officers of the county committee have taken
14 office, and within 45 days after January 1 of each odd numbered
15 year, the executive committee shall select a county committee for
16 the party. ~~, which~~ THE COUNTY committee shall consist of not
17 less than 2 members from each township and 2 members from each
18 ward of each city in the county, or shall consist of at least 2
19 members from each election precinct in the county, as the execu-
20 tive committee may determine. The committee ~~shall have the~~
21 ~~right to~~ MAY appoint officers ~~which~~ WHO in ~~its~~ THE
22 COMMITTEE'S judgment are proper to carry out the purposes of the
23 committee, and ~~shall have power to~~ MAY fill a vacancy ~~which~~
24 ~~may occur~~ THAT OCCURS in the membership of the committee or in
25 any of its offices. Between meetings of the county committee,
26 the executive committee ~~shall have~~ HAS all of the powers and
27 SHALL perform all of the duties of the county committee,

1 including the filling of vacancies in nominations as prescribed
2 by law. The term of service of a county committee shall continue
3 for 2 years and until the selection of its successor.

4 (5) A person nominated as a candidate of a political party
5 for county office ~~shall be~~ IS a delegate at large to the fall
6 county convention held in the year of the candidate's nomination
7 and to all county conventions held during the term of office for
8 which the candidate was nominated. A person nominated as a can-
9 didate of a political party for state legislative office ~~shall~~
10 ~~be~~ IS a delegate at large to the fall county convention held in
11 the year of the candidate's nomination in each county or part of
12 a county contained in the legislative district and to all county
13 conventions held during the term of office for which the candi-
14 date was nominated. The number of delegates at large ~~shall be~~
15 IS in addition to the number of delegates specified in the call
16 for the fall county convention. If a person is elected both a
17 delegate at large and a delegate of an election district, a
18 vacancy shall exist in the district delegation and shall be
19 filled as provided in section 609.