



SENATE BILL No. 648

September 13, 1995, Introduced by Senator HONIGMAN
and referred to the Committee on Government
Operations.

A bill to amend section 761 of Act No. 116 of the Public
Acts of 1954, entitled as amended
"Michigan election law,"
as amended by Act No. 140 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sec-
tion 168.761 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 761 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of
2 1954, as amended by Act No. 140 of the Public Acts of 1980, being
3 section 168.761 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 761. (1) ~~The~~ IF THE CLERK OF A city, township, or
6 village ~~clerk forthwith~~ RECEIVES AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENT
7 VOTER BALLOT FROM A PERSON REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THAT CITY,
8 TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE AND IF THE SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION
9 AGREES WITH THE SIGNATURE ON THE REGISTRATION CARD, THE CLERK

1 IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of ~~an~~ THE application ~~for absentee~~
 2 ~~ballots,~~ or, if the application is received ~~prior to~~ BEFORE
 3 the printing of the ~~absentee~~ ABSENT VOTER ballots, as soon as
 4 the ballots are received by the clerk, shall forward by mail,
 5 postage prepaid, or shall deliver personally 1 of the ballots ~~,~~
 6 or set of ballots ~~,~~ if there ~~are~~ IS more than 1 kind of
 7 ballot to be voted ~~,~~ to ~~each qualified~~ THE applicant. ~~for~~
 8 ~~absent voter's ballots from his city, township or village, if the~~
 9 ~~applicant is properly registered and if the signature on the~~
 10 ~~application agrees with the signature on the registration card.~~
 11 Absent ~~voter's~~ VOTER ballots may be delivered to ~~the~~ AN
 12 applicant in person at the office of the clerk. ~~notwithstanding~~
 13 ~~the provision of~~

14 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING section 759, providing that no
 15 ~~absentee~~ ABSENT VOTER applications shall be received by the
 16 clerk after 2 p.m. on the Saturday ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the elec-
 17 tion, ~~persons~~ A PERSON qualified to vote ~~absentee~~ AS AN
 18 ABSENT VOTER may apply ~~to vote absentee~~ in person at the
 19 clerk's office ~~prior to~~ BEFORE 4 p.m. on a day preceding the
 20 election except Sunday or A legal holiday TO VOTE AS AN ABSENT
 21 VOTER. ~~Such applicants, if qualified,~~ THE APPLICANT shall
 22 receive ~~their ballots~~ HIS OR HER ABSENT VOTER BALLOT and vote
 23 the ~~same~~ BALLOT in the clerk's office. All other absent
 24 ~~voter's~~ VOTER ballots, ~~excepting~~ EXCEPT BALLOTS DELIVERED
 25 PURSUANT TO AN emergency ~~absentee~~ ABSENT VOTER ballot
 26 ~~applications~~ APPLICATION, shall be mailed or delivered to the
 27 registration address of the applicant unless the application

1 requests delivery to an address outside the city, VILLAGE, or
2 township or to a hospital or similar institution, in which case
3 the ABSENT VOTER ballots shall be mailed or delivered to the
4 address given in the application.

5 (3) Absent ~~voters~~ VOTER ballots shall be issued in the
6 same order in which applications are received by the clerk of
7 ~~any~~ A city, township, or village, as nearly as may be, and each
8 ballot ~~so furnished~~ ISSUED shall bear the lowest number of each
9 kind available for this purpose. The clerk shall enclose with
10 ~~such~~ THE ballot or ballots a return envelope properly addressed
11 to ~~himself~~ THE CLERK, BEARING UPON THE FRONT UPPER RIGHT-HAND
12 CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE A STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF POSTAGE
13 NECESSARY TO RETURN THE BALLOTS BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, and bearing
14 upon the back ~~thereof~~ OF THE ENVELOPE a printed statement in
15 substantially the following form:

16 TO BE COMPLETED
17 BY THE CLERK

18 _____
19 Name of Voter

_____ Street Address or R.R.

20 _____
21 City, Township or Village

_____ County

22 Ward _____ Precinct _____ Date of Election _____

23 =====
24 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ABSENT VOTER

25
26 The undersigned asserts that he OR SHE is a legally regis-
27 tered and qualified elector of the ~~Municipality~~ CITY, TOWNSHIP,
28 OR VILLAGE indicated above, that he OR SHE is voting ~~absentee~~
29 AS AN ABSENT VOTER in conformity with statutory ~~restatements~~

1 REQUIREMENTS for so voting and that, unless indicated to the
2 contrary below, the ballots were marked by him OR HER personally
3 and enclosed in this envelope without being exhibited to any
4 other person.

5
6 X _____
Signature of ~~Absentee~~ ABSENT Voter

7 The above form must be signed or your vote will not be counted.

8 =====
9 TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF VOTER IS ASSISTED IN VOTING
10 BY ANOTHER PERSON

11 ~~Assisted~~ THE UNDERSIGNED ASSISTED the above named disabled
12 voter in marking his OR HER ballots in accordance with his OR HER
13 directions. The ballots were inserted in the return envelope
14 without being exhibited to any other person.

15 _____
16 Signature of Person Street Address or R.R. City, Twp., or Village
17 Assisting Voter

18 =====
19 ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM IS
20 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.