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SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 4951

(As passed the House, October 9, 1997)

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 677 (MCL 168.677), as amended by 1996 PA
583.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 677. (1) ~~—A—~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSEC-
2 TION (4), A precinct election inspector shall be a qualified and
3 registered elector of the county in which he or she serves OR, IN
4 THE CASE OF A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THAT LIES IN MORE THAN 1
5 COUNTY, IS A OUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE LOCAL UNIT OF
6 GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS BEING HELD, shall
7 have a good reputation, and shall have sufficient education and
8 clerical ability to perform the duties of the office. A person
9 shall not be appointed to a board of election inspectors unless
the person has filed an application with a city, township, or
village clerk in that county where the individual wishes to serve
as election inspector.

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1 (2) The application shall be in his or her own handwriting
2 and shall contain the applicant's name, home address, ward and
3 precinct registration IF ANY, date of birth, length of residence
4 in the county, political party affiliation, education, employ-
5 ment, and other experience qualifications. The application shall
6 provide a certification that the applicant is not a member or a
7 known active advocate, as defined in section 674, of a political
8 party other than the one entered on the application. The form of
9 the application under this section shall be approved by the state
10 director of elections. The clerk shall maintain a file of appli-
11 cations filed under this section and make the applications avail-
12 able for public inspection at the clerk's office during normal
13 business hours.

14 (3) A person shall not be knowingly appointed or permitted
15 to act as a precinct election inspector if the person or any
16 member of his or her immediate family is a candidate for nomina-
17 tion or election to any office at the election or who has been
18 convicted of a felony or election crime. A person shall not be
19 permitted to act as an election inspector if he or she has failed
20 to attend a school of instruction or failed to take an examina-
21 tion as provided in section 683. This section does not prohibit
22 the candidate for or delegate to a political party convention
23 from acting as an election inspector in a precinct other than the
24 precinct in which he or she resides. An election shall not be
25 invalidated merely because of the violation of the provisions of
26 this section.

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1 (4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION AND
2 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (5), A PERSON WHO IS 16 OR 17 YEARS OF AGE
3 AND WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE OR SHE SERVES OR, IN
4 THE CASE OF A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THAT LIES IN MORE THAN 1
5 COUNTY, IS A RESIDENT OF THE LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE
6 ELECTION IS BEING HELD MAY BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD OF ELECTION
7 INSPECTORS. BEFORE A
8 PERSON MAY BE APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE FIRST 3 MEM-
9 BERS OF THE BOARD REQUIRED TO BE APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 672 MUST
10 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (3). A PERSON WHO IS
11 APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
12 SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (3) OTHER THAN BEING A QUALIFIED AND REGIS-
13 TERED ELECTOR OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE OR SHE SERVES. A PERSON
14 WHO IS APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE DES-
15 IGNATED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD UNDER SECTION 674.

16 (5) IF A PERSON SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD OF ELECTION
17 INSPECTORS UNDER SUBSECTION (4) IS ATTENDING A K-12 SCHOOL AND IF
18 AN ELECTION FALLS ON A SCHOOL DAY, THE PERSON SHALL PROVIDE TO
19 THE CLERK, ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION FILED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1)
20 AND (2), A WRITTEN DOCUMENT FROM HIS OR HER SCHOOL SPECIFICALLY
ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PERSON'S APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS AND SPECIFICALLY EXCUSING THAT
PERSON FROM SCHOOL ON THE DATE OF SERVICE, IF SUCH APPOINTMENT IS
MADE.