

SENATE BILL NO. 577

June 5, 1997, Introduced by Senators DINGELL and BERRYMAN
and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 558 (MCL 168.558), as amended by 1996 PA
583.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 558. (1) A candidate filing nominating petitions or a
2 filing fee for a county, state, national, city, township, vil-
3 lage, or school district office in any election, at the time of
4 filing the nominating petitions or filing fee, shall file with
5 the officer with whom the petitions or fee is filed 2 copies of
6 an affidavit. The affidavit shall contain the candidate's name;
7 address; ward and precinct where registered, if qualified to vote
8 at that election; number of years of residence in the state and
9 county; and other information that may be required to satisfy the
10 officer as to the identity of the candidate. If a candidate

1 files the affidavit with an officer other than the county clerk
2 or secretary of state, the officer shall immediately forward to
3 the county clerk 1 copy of the affidavit by first class mail.
4 The county clerk shall immediately forward 1 copy of the affida-
5 vit for state and national candidates to the secretary of state
6 by first class mail. ~~A candidate filing a nominating petition~~
7 ~~or filing fee for an elective office under this act, at the time~~
8 ~~of filing the affidavit under this subsection, shall present to~~
9 ~~the filing official a birth certificate, naturalization papers,~~
10 ~~or a passport as proof of citizenship.~~ An officer shall not cer-
11 tify to the board of election commissioners the name of any can-
12 didate who fails to comply with this section. ~~A copy of the~~
13 ~~proof of citizenship presented under this subsection shall be~~
14 ~~kept on file by the filing official.~~

15 (2) If petitions or filing fees are filed by or in behalf of
16 a candidate for more than 1 office, either national, state,
17 county, city, village, township, or school district, the terms of
18 which run concurrently or overlap, the candidate so filing, or in
19 behalf of whom petitions or fees were so filed, shall select the
20 1 office to which his or her candidacy is restricted within 3
21 days after the last day for the filing of petitions or filing
22 fees unless the petitions or filing fees are filed for 2 offices
23 that are combined or for offices that are not incompatible.
24 Failure to make the selection disqualifies a candidate with
25 respect to any office for which petitions or fees were so filed
26 and the name of the candidate shall not be printed upon the
27 ballot for those offices. A vote cast for that candidate at the

1 primary or general election ensuing shall not be counted and
2 shall be void.