

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4162**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 662 (MCL 168.662), as amended by 1999 PA 216,  
and by adding section 659.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 659. (1) IF A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE IS  
2 DIVIDED INTO 2 OR MORE ELECTION PRECINCTS AND A CITY, WARD, TOWN-  
3 SHIP, OR VILLAGE ELECTION IS UNCONTESTED BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF  
4 CANDIDATES FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE  
5 TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED, THE ELECTION COMMIS-  
6 SIONERS OF THE CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE MAY, BY RESOLU-  
7 TION, CONSOLIDATE THE CITY'S, WARD'S, TOWNSHIP'S, OR VILLAGE'S  
8 ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THAT ELECTION ONLY. IF THE BALLOT  
9 INCLUDES A BALLOT QUESTION OR CANDIDATES FOR A STATE OR FEDERAL  
10 ELECTIVE OFFICE, A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE SHALL NOT

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1 CONSOLIDATE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR A PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL  
2 ELECTION.

3 (2) A CONSOLIDATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE NOT  
4 LESS THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE WITHDRAWALS FOR  
5 THE ELECTIVE OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED AT THAT  
6 ELECTION.

7 (3) IF A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
8 FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IS FILED UNDER SECTION 737A AFTER A RESO-  
9 LUTION HAS BEEN PASSED TO CONSOLIDATE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THAT  
10 ELECTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THAT ELECTION IS CONSIDERED TO BE  
11 AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

12 (4) IF A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CONSOLIDATES ELEC-  
13 TION PRECINCTS UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS  
14 OR OTHER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALS SHALL DO BOTH OF THE  
15 FOLLOWING:

16 (A) PROVIDE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CONSOLIDATED  
17 ELECTION PRECINCTS NOTICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION PRE-  
18 CINCTS FOR THAT ELECTION AND NOTICE OF THE LOCATION OF THE POLL-  
19 ING PLACE FOR THE ELECTION PRECINCT OR PRECINCTS FOR THAT  
20 ELECTION. THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE PRO-  
21 VIDED BY MAIL OR IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 653A.

22 (B) POST A WRITTEN NOTICE AT EACH POLLING PLACE THAT IS NOT  
23 UTILIZED BECAUSE OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION PRECINCTS THAT  
24 STATES THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACE FOR AFFECTED REGISTERED  
25 ELECTORS FOR THAT ELECTION.

26 Sec. 662. (1) The legislative body in each city, village,  
27 and township shall designate ~~and prescribe~~ the place or places

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1 of holding an election in the city, village, or township, and  
2 shall provide a suitable polling place in or for each precinct  
3 located in the city, village, or township for use at each  
4 election. Except as otherwise provided in this section, school  
5 buildings, fire stations, police stations, and other publicly  
6 owned or controlled buildings shall be used as polling places.  
7 If it is not possible or convenient to use a publicly owned or  
8 controlled building as a polling place, the legislative body of  
9 the city, township, or village may use as a polling place a  
10 building owned or controlled by an organization that is exempt  
11 from federal income tax ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 501(c) other  
12 than 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) of the internal revenue code of 1986,  
13 or ~~any~~ A successor statute. The legislative body of a city,  
14 township, or village shall not designate as a polling place a  
15 building that is owned by a person who is a sponsor of a politi-  
16 cal committee or independent committee. A city, township, or  
17 village shall not use as a polling place a building that does not  
18 meet the requirements of this section. As used in this subsec-  
19 tion, "sponsor of a political committee or independent committee"  
20 means a person who is described as being a sponsor under section  
21 ~~24(3)~~ 24 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL  
22 169.224, and includes a subsidiary of a corporation or a local of  
23 a labor organization, ~~which~~ IF THE corporation or labor organi-  
24 zation is considered a sponsor under section ~~24(3)~~ 24 of the  
25 Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.224.

26 (2) The legislative body in each city, village, and township  
27 shall make arrangements for the rental or erection of suitable

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1 buildings for use as polling places if publicly owned or  
2 controlled buildings are not available, and shall ~~cause~~ HAVE  
3 the polling places ~~to be~~ equipped with the necessary facilities  
4 for lighting and with adequate facilities for heat and  
5 ventilation. The legislative body may establish a central poll-  
6 ing place or places for 6 precincts or less if it is possible and  
7 convenient for the electors to vote at the central polling  
8 place. The legislative body may abolish other polling places not  
9 required as a result of the establishment of a central polling  
10 place.

11 (3) The legislative body of a city, village, or township may  
12 establish a polling place at a for profit or nonprofit residence  
13 or facility in which 150 persons or more aged 62 or older reside  
14 or at an apartment building or complex in which 150 persons or  
15 more reside. A township board may provide polling places located  
16 within the limits of a city that has been incorporated from ter-  
17 ritory formerly a part of the township, and the electors of the  
18 township may cast their ballots at those polling places.

19 (4) ~~The~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 659, THE legislative  
20 body of a city, village, or township shall not establish, move,  
21 or abolish a polling place less than 60 days before an election  
22 unless necessary because a polling place has been damaged,  
23 destroyed, or rendered inaccessible or unusable as a polling  
24 place.

25 (5) The legislative body of a city, village, or township  
26 shall ensure that a polling place established under this section  
27 complies with the voting accessibility for the elderly and

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**1** handicapped act, Public Law 98-435, 42 U.S.C. 1973ee to  
**2** 1973ee-6.