

SB 61, As Passed Senate, November 1, 2001

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**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 61**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 659.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 659. (1) IF A COUNTY, CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE
2 IS DIVIDED INTO 2 OR MORE ELECTION PRECINCTS, THE COUNTY, CITY,
3 WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY RESOLU-
4 TION, CONSOLIDATE THE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR A PARTICULAR ELEC-
5 TION THAT IS NOT A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, A PRIMARY ELECTION
6 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, OR OTHER STATE-
7 WIDE OR FEDERAL ELECTION. IN MAKING THE DETERMINATION TO CONSOL-
8 IDATE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR A PARTICULAR ELECTION, THE ELECTION
9 COMMISSION SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE NUMBER OF CHOICES
10 THE VOTER MUST MAKE, THE PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO
11 VOTED AT THE LAST SIMILAR ELECTION IN THE JURISDICTION, AND THE

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1 INTENSITY OF THE INTEREST OF THE ELECTORS IN THE JURISDICTION
2 CONCERNING THE CANDIDATES AND PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED UPON.

3 (2) A CONSOLIDATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE NOT
4 LESS THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE A PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL
5 ELECTION.

6 (3) UNLESS THE POLLING PLACES FOR THE ELECTION PRECINCTS TO
7 BE CONSOLIDATED ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING, WHEN A COUNTY,
8 CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CONSOLIDATES ELECTION PRECINCTS
9 FOR A PARTICULAR ELECTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE ELECTION COM-
10 MISSIONERS OR OTHER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALS SHALL DO BOTH
11 OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE
13 AFFECTED ELECTION PRECINCTS OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION PRE-
14 CINCTS FOR THE PARTICULAR ELECTION AND THE LOCATION OF THE POLL-
15 ING PLACE FOR THE ELECTION PRECINCT OR PRECINCTS FOR THAT
16 ELECTION. NOTICE MAY BE PROVIDED BY MAIL OR OTHER METHOD
17 DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ACTUAL NOTICE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS.

18 (B) POST A WRITTEN NOTICE AT EACH ELECTION PRECINCT POLLING
19 PLACE STATING THE LOCATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION PRECINCT
20 POLLING PLACE.

21 (4) IF A COUNTY, CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CONSOLI-
22 DATES ELECTION PRECINCTS UNDER THIS SECTION, EACH AFFECTED ELEC-
23 TION PRECINCT SHALL BE TREATED AS A WHOLE UNIT AND SHALL NOT BE
24 DIVIDED DURING THE CONSOLIDATION.