

HOUSE BILL No. 5137

October 3, 2001, Introduced by Rep. Patterson and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 563, 705, and 796 (MCL 168.563, 168.705, and
168.796), section 796 as amended by 1990 PA 109.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 563. (1) The number of ballots to be printed for the
2 use of the electors at ~~any~~ A primary election in ~~any~~ AN elec-
3 tion precinct shall be not less than 25% more than the total
4 number of ballots cast ~~therein~~ IN THE ELECTION PRECINCT at the
5 corresponding primary election held 4 years previously. The
6 ballot at ~~any~~ A partisan primary election shall consist of 1
7 sheet of 70-pound white book paper, machine finished, or the
8 equivalent.

9 (2) The ~~elections~~ ELECTION commission may provide that 1
10 of the political party tickets shall be printed on each side

1 ~~thereof~~ OF THE BALLOT or that the POLITICAL party tickets shall
 2 appear on 1 side of the ballot only. If 3 or more POLITICAL par-
 3 ties are represented at a partisan primary, the ballots shall be
 4 arranged with a foldover extension or the election commission may
 5 provide that the POLITICAL parties shall appear on 1 side of the
 6 ballot only. If the ballots are printed on 1 side only the order
 7 of the POLITICAL parties on the ballot shall be the same as they
 8 will appear on the general election ballot. The POLITICAL par-
 9 ties shall be separated by a heavy black line. If ballots are
 10 printed on 2 sides or with a foldover extension the ~~various~~
 11 POLITICAL party tickets shall be printed, as near as may be, in
 12 the manner ~~hereinbefore~~ set forth IN THIS SUBSECTION and shall
 13 be rotated so that each POLITICAL party ticket will appear face
 14 up on alternate ballots.

15 (3) The election commission may provide for the printing of
 16 the ballots on colored paper as follows:

17 (A) State and county ballots ~~—~~ ON white paper. ~~—~~
 18 ~~nonpartisan~~

19 (B) NONPARTISAN ballots ~~—~~ ON blue tinted paper. ~~—~~
 20 ~~constitutional~~

21 (C) CONSTITUTIONAL amendments and state propositions ~~—~~ ON
 22 red tinted paper. ~~—~~ ~~county~~

23 (D) COUNTY propositions ~~—~~ ON green tinted paper. ~~—~~ ~~local~~

24 (E) LOCAL propositions ~~—~~ ON buff paper. ~~—~~ ~~local~~

25 (F) LOCAL candidates ~~—~~ ON white paper.

1 (G) If the election commission prints ballots on colored
2 paper, all instruction AND SAMPLE ballots shall be printed on any
3 color paper not used for official ballots.

4 Sec. 705. (1) ~~The ballots of each kind~~ EACH BALLOT shall
5 be of uniform size and printed in black ink on white paper of a
6 grade equal to 50-pound book, machine finished, and sufficiently
7 thick so that the printing cannot be distinguished from the
8 back. ~~The ballots of each kind~~ EACH BALLOT shall be perforated
9 diagonally across the upper right-hand corner of the face
10 ~~thereof~~ OF THE BALLOT, so that the corner can be readily ~~torn~~
11 ~~off~~ DETACHED. Printed on the detachable corner shall be the
12 name or kind of ballot, and a ~~bold-face~~ BOLD-FACED letter cor-
13 responding to a similar letter on the ballot box. The ballots
14 shall be numbered consecutively on ~~such~~ THE DETACHABLE corner
15 ~~, such~~ WITH THE number ~~to be~~ printed ~~thereon~~ ON THE DETACH-
16 ABLE CORNER.

17 (2) This section ~~shall~~ DOES not prohibit the printing of
18 unnumbered ballots for emergency purposes. ~~Such~~ EMERGENCY bal-
19 lots shall, prior to being delivered to the polls, have the num-
20 bers printed or stamped on the detachable corners. No 2 ballots
21 of the same kind in the same election precinct shall bear the
22 same number.

23 (3) The election commission may provide for the printing of
24 the ballots on colored paper as follows:

25 (A) State and county ballots ~~—~~ ON white paper. ~~—~~
26 ~~non-partisan~~

1 (B) NONPARTISAN ballots ~~—~~ ON blue tinted paper. ~~—~~
2 ~~constitutional~~

3 (C) CONSTITUTIONAL amendments and state propositions ~~—~~ ON
4 red tinted paper. ~~—~~ ~~county~~

5 (D) COUNTY propositions ~~—~~ ON green tinted paper. ~~—~~ ~~local~~

6 (E) LOCAL propositions ~~—~~ ON buff paper. ~~—~~ ~~local~~

7 (F) LOCAL candidates ~~—~~ ON white paper.

8 (G) If the election commission prints ballots on colored
9 paper, all instruction AND SAMPLE ballots shall be printed on any
10 color paper not used for official ballots.

11 Sec. 796. ~~Sample ballots, which~~ A SAMPLE BALLOT shall be
12 ~~facsimile copies~~ AN EXACT COPY of the official ballot or ballot
13 labels ~~—~~ AND shall be provided as required by ~~law~~ THIS ACT.
14 At least 2 copies shall be posted in each polling place on elec-
15 tion day. Sample ballots may be printed on a single page or on a
16 number of pages stapled together AND SHALL BE PRINTED ON ANY
17 COLOR PAPER NOT USED FOR OFFICIAL BALLOTS.