

# SENATE BILL No. 1462

September 26, 2002, Introduced by Senator BYRUM and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 750a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 750A. (1) AS USED IN THIS ACT:

2 (A) "INTERNET VOTING" OR "VOTING BY THE INTERNET" MEANS THE  
3 ACT OF VOTING IN AN ELECTION AT A POLLING PLACE BY A QUALIFIED  
4 ELECTOR UTILIZING AN INTERNET VOTING SYSTEM.

5 (B) "INTERNET VOTING SYSTEM" MEANS A VOTING SYSTEM AT A  
6 POLLING PLACE APPROVED FOR USE BY THE BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS  
7 THAT ALLOWS AN ELECTOR TO SECRETLY AND SECURELY TRANSMIT HIS OR  
8 HER VOTED BALLOT TO ELECTIONS OFFICIALS BY THE INTERNET.

9 (2) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003 AND THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005,  
10 THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECT TO TEST  
11 INTERNET VOTING IN NOT MORE THAN 10 PILOT JURISDICTIONS. THE

1 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL APPROVE A PLAN FOR INTERNET VOTING  
2 SUBMITTED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION IF IT MEETS THE GUIDELINES  
3 ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE GUIDELINES SHALL  
4 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) PILOT JURISDICTIONS SHALL VARY IN THE SIZE OF  
6 POPULATION.

7 (B) PILOT JURISDICTIONS SHALL REPRESENT DIVERSE GEOGRAPHICAL  
8 REGIONS OF THIS STATE.

9 (C) THE PLAN SUBMITTED BY A LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL CONTAIN  
10 A COMMITMENT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION  
11 TO CONDUCT INTERNET VOTING.

12 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL IMPLEMENT INTERNET VOTING  
13 IN A PILOT JURISDICTION IN AN ELECTION AT WHICH A SINGLE QUESTION  
14 IS ON THE BALLOT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE  
15 PROCEDURES FOR A SECURE MEANS FOR INTERNET VOTING. THE SECRETARY  
16 OF STATE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES  
17 THAT CONSIDER ELECTION ISSUES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2006. THE  
18 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE  
19 REPORT FOR EACH PILOT JURISDICTION:

20 (A) THE COST OF HOLDING THE ELECTION BY INTERNET VOTING.

21 (B) THE LEVEL OF VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THAT LOCAL ELECTION  
22 BY INTERNET VOTING AND OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO PUBLIC ACCEP-  
23 TANCE OF INTERNET VOTING.

24 (C) INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACCURACY, SECURITY, AND  
25 INTEGRITY OF INTERNET VOTING.

26 (D) THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING  
27 STATEWIDE INTERNET VOTING.

1        (E) THE RECOMMENDATION OF EACH PILOT JURISDICTION REGARDING  
2 STATEWIDE INTERNET VOTING.

3        (F) OTHER INFORMATION THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONSIDERS  
4 RELEVANT.