

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 350

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 666 and 668 (MCL 168.666 and 168.668) and by
adding section 668a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 666. At ~~any~~ **each** federal, state, district, or county
2 primary or election, the secretary of state shall furnish to ~~the~~
3 ~~county clerk of~~ each county **clerk** at ~~the expense of the~~ state
4 **expense** the following **items**:

5 ~~(a) The secretary of state shall have printed for~~
6 ~~distribution and shall furnish a copy of the Michigan election~~
7 ~~law and of the manual of instructions for each precinct board of~~
8 ~~election inspectors in the state;~~

9 **(a)** ~~(b) Prior to~~ **Before** each primary, general, or special
10 election at which state, district, or county officers are to be

1 nominated or elected, ~~the secretary of state shall procure~~ a
 2 supply of self-sealing metal ~~sealing devices~~ **seals** adapted and
 3 suitable for sealing the ballot boxes used at ~~such~~ **the**
 4 election. ~~Said sealing devices~~ **The metal seals** shall have the
 5 words "State of Michigan" and serial numbers stamped ~~thereon,~~
 6 and at least 30 days before any such election he shall cause to
 7 be transmitted to the several county clerks such number of said
 8 metal sealing devices as will **on them. The secretary of state**
 9 **shall** provide a sufficient number of ~~such~~ **metal** seals for each
 10 voting precinct within the county ~~—~~ **at least 30 days before an**
 11 **election.**

12 **(b)** ~~(c) The secretary of state shall furnish a~~ **A**
 13 substantial supply of red gummed paper seals for use of the
 14 precinct boards of election inspectors in sealing ~~such~~ **the**
 15 package of ballots and the envelopes containing the tally sheets
 16 or **poll** books and the statement of returns. Each ~~such~~ seal
 17 shall have inscribed ~~thereon~~ **on it** the words "Election
 18 Seal--State of Michigan" and the date of the primary or election
 19 at which it is to be used. A space shall also be provided
 20 ~~thereon~~ **on the seal** in which 2 members of the board of election
 21 inspectors shall write their initials after the seal has been
 22 applied. ~~→~~

23 ~~—— (d) The secretary of state shall furnish uniform printed~~
 24 ~~instructions to electors printed in large type upon cards,~~
 25 ~~containing any information that will assist electors in marking~~
 26 ~~their ballots and correctly designating their choices. Two such~~
 27 ~~placards of instructions shall be conspicuously displayed in each~~

1 ~~polling place, and~~

2 (c) ~~—(e) The secretary of state shall furnish to the various~~
3 ~~county clerks suitable~~ **Suitable** blank forms for use by the
4 ~~various~~ county boards of canvassers in making returns of the
5 canvass required by ~~law, and the various~~ **this act. Each** county
6 ~~boards~~ **board** of canvassers shall use the ~~blanks~~ **forms**
7 furnished by the secretary of state in making returns of the
8 canvass.

9 Sec. 668. ~~—It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each~~
10 ~~county to cause to be printed large cards or posters containing~~
11 ~~verbatim the whole of section 729 of this act, and shall furnish~~
12 ~~2 of the same to the board of election inspectors of each~~
13 ~~election precinct in his county at the same time that the~~
14 ~~official ballots for use at the elections are delivered, and the~~
15 ~~board of election inspectors shall cause the said posters to be~~
16 ~~posted in conspicuous places in the polling places so that the~~
17 ~~same can be plainly seen and read by all persons at any~~
18 ~~election. It shall be the duty of the clerk of any city,~~
19 ~~township or village in which this act is operative to deliver to~~
20 ~~the board of election inspectors of each election precinct within~~
21 ~~his jurisdiction, before the time for opening of the polls on~~
22 ~~election day, the register of electors and the blanks for poll~~
23 ~~lists and returns and any other supplies necessary to carry out~~
24 ~~the provisions of this act not herein otherwise provided for.~~
25 **Before the polls open, the city, township, or village clerk shall**
26 **deliver to the board of election inspectors of each precinct the**
27 **voter registration list, the forms for poll lists and returns,**

1 and any other supplies necessary to conduct the election.

2 Sec. 668a. (1) The secretary of state shall furnish to each
3 county clerk at state expense for each precinct 2 voter
4 information displays that contain in not less than 18-point type
5 the following information:

6 (a) The hours that the polls will be open.

7 (b) Voting instructions.

8 (c) Information on an individual's right to obtain a
9 provisional ballot and instructions on how to vote a provisional
10 ballot.

11 (d) Information on the identification requirements that apply
12 to voters who register by mail.

13 (e) Instructions on how to contact the appropriate election
14 official about alleged voting rights violations.

15 (f) Information on the federal and state laws that prohibit
16 fraud and misrepresentation.

17 (g) Information on how to challenge another voter as
18 unqualified to vote.

19 (h) Other information that the secretary of state considers
20 necessary.

21 (2) Upon receipt of the voter information displays under
22 subsection (1), each county clerk shall provide to each city,
23 township, or village clerk, as designated by the secretary of
24 state, 2 voter information displays for each precinct in the
25 county.

26 (3) The city, township, or village clerk shall provide to
27 each precinct 2 voter information displays and an instruction

1 ballot for display at each precinct.

2 (4) Before the polls open on election day, the board of
3 election inspectors in each precinct shall post in conspicuous
4 places in the polling place the voter information displays and
5 instruction ballot required under this section.

6 (5) If requested by an elector, the city, township, or
7 village clerk shall have available a means to provide the
8 information contained in the voter information displays in an
9 alternative format, as prescribed by the secretary of state.