

HOUSE BILL No. 5214

October 30, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Drolet, DeRoche, Middaugh, Bradstreet, Howell, Ruth Johnson, Rocca, Brandenburg, Palsrok, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Milosch, Hummel, Acciavatti, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Robertson, Casperson, Stakoe, Stahl, Tabor, Nitz, Caswell, Palmer, Ward, Kooiman, Huizenga and Bisbee and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 482 (MCL 168.482), as amended by 1998
PA 142.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 482. (1) ~~Each~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this**
2 **subsection, each** petition **sheet** under this section shall be 8-1/2
3 inches by 14 inches in size, ~~—~~ **shall be in horizontal format,**
4 **and shall contain no fewer than 7 signature lines. An 8-1/2**
5 **inches by 11 inches petition sheet may be used if it otherwise**
6 **complies with this section and if both of the following**
7 **conditions are met:**

8 (a) The full text of the proposal is able to be printed on 1
9 or both sides of an 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches petition sheet.

10 (b) Each petition sheet that is submitted is 8-1/2 inches by

1 11 inches in size.

2 (2) If the ~~measure~~ **proposal** to be submitted ~~proposes~~ **is** a
3 constitutional amendment, initiation of legislation, or
4 referendum of legislation, the heading of each part of the
5 petition shall be prepared in the following form and printed in
6 capital letters in 14-point boldfaced type:

7 INITIATIVE PETITION

8 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

9 OR

10 INITIATION OF LEGISLATION

11 OR

12 REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION

13 PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

14 (3) The full text of the ~~amendment so proposed~~ **proposal**
15 shall follow and be printed in 8-point type. If the proposal
16 would alter or abrogate an existing provision of the
17 constitution, the petition shall so state and the provisions to
18 be altered or abrogated shall be inserted, preceded by the
19 words:

20 "Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by
21 the proposal if adopted."

22 (4) The following statement shall appear beneath the petition
23 heading:

24 "We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors,
25 residents in the
26 city
27 township (strike 1) of in the county of,

1 state of Michigan, respectively petition for (amendment to
2 constitution) (initiation of legislation) (referendum of
3 legislation) (other appropriate description)."

4 (5) The following warning shall be printed in 12-point type
5 immediately above the place for signatures, on each part of the
6 petition:

7 WARNING

8 A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once,
9 signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a
10 qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her
11 signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the
12 signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the
13 Michigan election law.

14 (6) The remainder of the petition form shall be as provided
15 following the warning to electors signing the petition in section
16 544c(1). In addition, the petition shall comply with the
17 requirements of section 544c(2).