

HOUSE BILL No. 4217

February 8, 2005, Introduced by Rep. Rocca and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 482 and 488 (MCL 168.482 and 168.488), section
482 as amended and section 488 as added by 1998 PA 142.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 482. (1) Each petition under this section shall be 8-1/2
2 inches by 14 inches in size.

3 (2) If the measure to be submitted proposes a constitutional
4 amendment, initiation of legislation, or referendum of legislation,
5 the heading of each part of the petition shall be prepared in the
6 following form and printed **WITH 1 OF THE FOLLOWING** in capital

1 letters in 14-point boldfaced type:

2 INITIATIVE PETITION

3 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

4 OR

5 INITIATION OF LEGISLATION

6 OR

7 REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION

8 PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

9 (3) The full text of the amendment so proposed shall follow
 10 and be printed in 8-point type. **IF THE MEASURE PROPOSES A**
 11 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, THE BALLOT LANGUAGE SHALL BE PRINTED ON**
 12 **THE FRONT OF THE PETITION.** If the proposal would alter or abrogate
 13 an existing provision of the constitution, the petition shall so
 14 state and the provisions to be altered or abrogated shall be
 15 inserted, preceded by the words:

16 "Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by
 17 the proposal if adopted.".

18 (4) The following statement shall appear beneath the petition
 19 heading:

20 "We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors,
 21 residents in the

22 city

23 township (strike 1) of

24 in the county of, state of Michigan, respectively
 25 petition for (amendment to constitution) (initiation of
 26 legislation) (referendum of legislation) (other appropriate
 27 description).".

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

WARNING

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

(6) IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR CIRCULATING THE PETITION, THE PETITION SHALL INDICATE THAT FACT AND THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION PROVIDING THE COMPENSATION ON THE FRONT OF THE PETITION IN 10-POINT BOLDFACED TYPE.

~~(7) —(6)—~~ The remainder of the petition form shall be as provided following the warning to electors signing the petition in section 544c(1). In addition, the petition shall comply with the requirements of section 544c(2).

Sec. 488. (1) Section 544c applies to a nominating petition for an office in a political subdivision under a statute that refers to this section, and to the circulation and signing of the petition.

(2) Section 482(1), (4), (5), and ~~(6)~~ (7) apply to a petition to place a question on the ballot before the electorate of a political subdivision under a statute that refers to this section, and to the circulation and signing of the petition.

(3) A person who violates a provision of this act applicable to a petition ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** subsection (1) or (2) is subject

1 to the penalties prescribed for that violation in this act.