

# HOUSE BILL No. 6488

September 14, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Proos and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 662 (MCL 168.662), as amended by 2004 PA 92.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 662. (1) The legislative body in each city, village, and  
2 township shall designate and prescribe the place or places of  
3 holding an election for a city, village, or township election, and  
4 shall provide a suitable polling place in or for each precinct  
5 located in the city, village, or township for use at each election.  
6 Except as otherwise provided in this section, school buildings,  
7 fire stations, police stations, and other publicly owned or  
8 controlled buildings shall be used as polling places. If it is not  
9 possible or convenient to use a publicly owned or controlled

1 building as a polling place, the legislative body of the city,  
2 township, or village may use as a polling place a building owned or  
3 controlled by an organization that is exempt from federal income  
4 tax as provided by section 501(c), other than 501(c)(4), (5), or  
5 (6), of the internal revenue code, ~~of 1986~~ **26 USC 501**, or any  
6 successor statute. The legislative body of a city, township, or  
7 village shall not designate as a polling place a building that is  
8 owned by a person who is a sponsor of a political **ACTION** committee.  
9 ~~or independent committee.~~ A city, township, or village shall not  
10 use as a polling place a building that does not meet the  
11 requirements of this section. As used in this subsection, "sponsor  
12 of a political **ACTION** committee" ~~or independent committee~~ means  
13 a person who is described as being a sponsor under section 24(3) of  
14 the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.224, and  
15 includes a subsidiary of a corporation or a local of a labor  
16 organization, if the corporation or labor organization is  
17 considered a sponsor under section 24(3) of the Michigan campaign  
18 finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.224.

19 (2) The legislative body in each city, village, and township  
20 shall make arrangements for the rental or erection of suitable  
21 buildings for use as polling places if publicly owned or controlled  
22 buildings are not available, and shall have the polling places  
23 equipped with the necessary facilities for lighting and with  
24 adequate facilities for heat and ventilation. The legislative body  
25 may establish a central polling place or places for 6 precincts or  
26 less if it is possible and convenient for the electors to vote at  
27 the central polling place. The legislative body may abolish other

1 polling places not required as a result of the establishment of a  
2 central polling place.

3 (3) The legislative body of a city, village, or township may  
4 establish a polling place at a for-profit or nonprofit residence or  
5 facility in which 150 persons or more aged 62 or older reside or at  
6 an apartment building or complex in which 150 persons or more  
7 reside. A township board may provide polling places located within  
8 the limits of a city that has been incorporated from territory  
9 formerly a part of the township, and the electors of the township  
10 may cast their ballots at those polling places. If 2 contiguous  
11 townships utilize a combined township hall or other publicly owned  
12 or controlled building within 1 of the township's boundaries and  
13 outside of the other township's boundaries, and there is not  
14 another publicly owned or controlled building or a building owned  
15 or controlled by an organization that is exempt from federal income  
16 tax, as provided by section 501(c), other than 501(c)(4), (5), or  
17 (6), of the internal revenue code, ~~of 1986~~ **26 USC 501**, available  
18 or suitable for a polling place within the other township, then  
19 each township board may provide a polling place in that publicly  
20 owned building for 1 or more election precinct.

21 (4) The legislative body of a city, village, or township shall  
22 not establish, move, or abolish a polling place less than 60 days  
23 before an election unless necessary because a polling place has  
24 been damaged, destroyed, or rendered inaccessible or unusable as a  
25 polling place.

26 (5) The legislative body of a city, village, or township shall  
27 ensure that a polling place established under this section is

1 accessible and complies with the voting accessibility for the  
2 elderly and handicapped act and the help America vote act of 2002.

3 (6) As used in this section, "accessible" means the removal or  
4 modification of policies, practices, and procedures that deny an  
5 individual with a disability the opportunity to vote, including the  
6 removal of physical barriers as identified in section 261(b) of the  
7 help America vote act of 2002, 42 USC 15421, so as to ensure  
8 individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in  
9 elections in this state.

10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
11 unless Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6487(request no.  
12 06781'06) of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.