

SENATE BILL No. 515

May 19, 2005, Introduced by Senators CASSIS, HAMMERSTROM and SIKKEMA and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled
"Community college act of 1966,"
by amending sections 38, 58, and 152 (MCL 389.38, 389.58, and
389.152), as amended by 2003 PA 306.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 38. ~~—(1) The regular community college election shall be~~
2 ~~held at the same time as the regular school elections of the~~
3 ~~constituent school districts held on the day determined under~~
4 ~~section 642 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.642. If any~~
5 ~~component school district holds its annual school election on a~~
6 ~~different date, the board of such district shall call a special~~
7 ~~election to be held on the same day as that prescribed by this~~
8 ~~subsection.~~

9 ~~———(2) At the~~ A regular ~~elections~~ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1 **ELECTION**, separate propositions may be submitted to the electors in
2 addition to the election of trustees of the community college
3 district when authorized by the board of trustees.

4 Sec. 58. ~~—(1)— A regular community college election is held at~~
5 ~~the same time as the regular school election. A constituent county~~
6 ~~shall call a special election to be held on the date of the regular~~
7 ~~school election.~~

8 ~~——(2)—~~ At a regular **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** election, in addition to
9 the election of trustees, special propositions may be submitted to
10 the electors when authorized by the board of trustees.

11 Sec. 152. ~~—(1)— Candidates for members of the first and~~
12 ~~succeeding boards shall be nominated by petition signed by not less~~
13 ~~than 50 or more than 200 qualified and registered electors residing~~
14 ~~within the geographic area of the community college district. All~~
15 ~~nominating petitions in community college districts organized under~~
16 ~~chapter 1 shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. on the one hundred-~~
17 ~~tenth day before the date of any election. All nominating petitions~~
18 ~~in community college districts organized under chapters 2 and 3~~
19 ~~shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. on the ninth Monday before the~~
20 ~~date of any election. If the last day for filing nominating~~
21 ~~petitions falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the~~
22 ~~nominating petitions shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. on the~~
23 ~~next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.~~

24 ~~——(2)— Nominating petitions for the first and succeeding boards~~
25 ~~of trustees of a community college district organized under chapter~~
26 ~~1 shall be filed with the school district filing official.~~
27 ~~Nominating petitions for the first and succeeding boards of~~

~~trustees organized under chapters 2 and 3 shall be filed with the school district filing official.~~

~~(3) Upon the filing of nominating petitions with the school district filing official, he or she shall canvass them to ascertain if they have been signed by the requisite number of qualified electors and may check any doubtful signatures against the registration records of the clerk of any political subdivision in which the petitions were circulated, or may use any other method he or she deems proper for determining the validity of the doubtful signatures. If he or she determines that the nominating petitions of any candidate do not comply with the requirements or if the candidate does not possess the qualifications as required by the provisions of this act for membership on the board of trustees, the school district filing official shall notify the candidate of that fact and of the reasons.~~

~~(4) This section does not apply to nominating petitions for a candidate for a board of trustees organized under chapter 5.~~ **A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD SHALL BE NOMINATED, AND MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED, AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER XIV OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, MCL 168.301 TO 168.315.**