

# HOUSE BILL No. 5127

August 22, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Rocca, Moss, Moore, Ball, Gaffney, Bieda, Condino, Ward, Casperson, Accavitti, Warren, Constan, LeBlanc, Meadows, Vagnozzi and Miller and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to prohibit certain units of government from establishing the ownership of real property as a qualification for public office; and to provide remedies.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "open  
2 access to local ballot act".

3           Sec. 2. (1) A unit of local government shall not require the  
4 ownership of real property as a qualification for holding elective  
5 or appointive public office.

6           (2) As used in this section, "unit of local government" means  
7 a city, county, township, village, school district, authority, or  
8 other political subdivision of this state and includes an entity

1 jointly created by 2 or more units of local government.

2       Sec. 3. A person who is denied or threatened with denial of  
3 access to the ballot in violation of this act may bring an action  
4 for equitable relief and recover damages in a court of proper  
5 jurisdiction.