

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 129**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 24a (MCL 168.24a), as amended by 1982 PA 154.

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

1       Sec. 24a. (1) A 4-member board of county canvassers is  
2       established in every county in this state. All of the powers  
3       granted to and duties required by law to be performed by all boards  
4       of canvassers established by law, other than the board of state  
5       canvassers, boards of city canvassers in cities having more than 5  
6       precincts, boards of canvassers in counties having a population of  
7       1,500,000 or more, and boards of township canvassers in townships  
8       having more than 5 precincts, are granted to and required to be  
9       performed by the board of county canvassers.

1       (2) The board of county canvassers shall conduct all recounts  
2 of elections in cities, townships, villages, school districts, or  
3 any other districts and be vested with all of the powers and  
4 required to perform all the duties in connection with any recount.

5       (3) If a city, village, ~~school district~~, or any other  
6 district, **OTHER THAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT**, lies in more than 1 county,  
7 and a duty is to be performed by the board of county canvassers,  
8 the board of county canvassers in the county in which the greatest  
9 number of registered voters of the city, village, or district  
10 resides at the close of registration for the election involved  
11 shall perform the duty.

12       (4) **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, IF A**  
13 **SCHOOL DISTRICT LIES IN MORE THAN 1 COUNTY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
14 **CANVASSERS FOR EACH COUNTY IN WHICH A PORTION OF THE SCHOOL**  
15 **DISTRICT LIES SHALL CANVASS THAT PORTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
16 **ELECTION THAT IS HELD IN THAT COUNTY. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**  
17 **PRECINCT LIES IN MORE THAN 1 COUNTY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS**  
18 **OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS OF**  
19 **THAT PRECINCT RESIDE SHALL CANVASS THE RESULTS OF THAT PRECINCT.**  
20 **NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRECEDING 2 SENTENCES, UNLESS**  
21 **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION IS CONDUCTED ON THE SAME DATE AS**  
22 **ANOTHER ELECTION IN THE COUNTY, A BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS THAT**  
23 **IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE SCHOOL**  
24 **DISTRICT ELECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO MEET TO CANVASS THE SCHOOL**  
25 **DISTRICT ELECTION AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS RESPONSIBLE**  
26 **FOR CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION SHALL**  
27 **CANVASS THAT PORTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION HELD IN THAT**

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COUNTY. UPON COMPLETION OF THE CANVASS, THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF

COUNTY CANVASSERS SHALL TRANSMIT THE CANVASSED RESULTS TO THE

COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF

REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDE. UPON RECEIPT OF

THE CANVASSED RESULTS, THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE

LARGEST NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESIDE SHALL MAKE A STATEMENT OF RETURNS AND CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

[NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A CITY OR VILLAGE THAT LIES IN MORE THAN 1 COUNTY CONDUCTS AN ELECTION ON THE SAME DATE AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT LIES WITHIN THE CITY OR VILLAGE THAT IS CONDUCTING AN ELECTION, THAT PORTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION HELD WITHIN THAT CITY OR VILLAGE SHALL BE CANVASSED BY THE CANVASSING BOARD RESPONSIBLE FOR CANVASSING THE CITY OR VILLAGE ELECTION.]

(5) The cost of canvass of school, city, township, and village elections shall be borne by the school district, city, township, or village holding the election, and upon presentation of a bill for the costs incurred by the board of county canvassers, the school district, city, township, or village shall reimburse the county treasurer.

(6) ~~(2)~~—All boards of canvassers provided for in law including boards of school canvassers, the duties of which are by this act required to be performed by boards of county canvassers, are abolished.

(7) ~~(3)~~—Members of the board **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS** shall be appointed for terms of 4 years beginning on November 1 following their appointment. Of the members first appointed, 1 member of each of the political parties represented on the ~~canvassing board~~ **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS** shall be appointed for a term of 4 years and 1 for a term of 2 years. ~~Members~~ **THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL NOTIFY MEMBERS** of the board ~~shall be notified OF COUNTY CANVASSERS~~ of their appointment within 5 days ~~thereafter by the county clerk OF~~ **BEING APPOINTED.**

1           (8) ~~(4)~~ This section ~~shall apply~~ **APPLIES** to all elections, any  
2 charter provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

3           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
4 unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are  
5 enacted into law:

6           (a) Senate Bill No. 130.

7           (b) Senate Bill No. 455.

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