

HOUSE BILL No. 4365

February 19, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Rocca 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
9 jointly created by 2 or more units of local government.

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