

SENATE BILL No. 129

January 28, 2009, Introduced by Senators BROWN, BIRKHOLZ, JANSEN, RICHARDVILLE, PAPPAGEORGE and HARDIMAN and referred to the Committee on Education.

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.

10 (2) The board of county canvassers shall conduct all recounts

1 of elections in cities, townships, villages, school districts, or
2 any other districts and be vested with all of the powers and
3 required to perform all the duties in connection with any recount.

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

11 (4) **IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT LIES IN MORE THAN 1 COUNTY, THE BOARD**
12 **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS FOR EACH COUNTY IN WHICH A PORTION OF THE**
13 **SCHOOL DISTRICT LIES SHALL CANVASS THAT PORTION OF A SCHOOL**
14 **DISTRICT ELECTION THAT IS HELD IN THAT COUNTY. UPON COMPLETION OF**
15 **THE CANVASS, THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS SHALL**
16 **TRANSMIT THE CANVASSED RESULTS TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY IN**
17 **WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THAT SCHOOL**
18 **DISTRICT RESIDE. UPON RECEIPT OF THE CANVASSED RESULTS, THE COUNTY**
19 **CLERK OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REGISTERED**
20 **ELECTORS OF THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDE SHALL MAKE A STATEMENT OF**
21 **RETURNS AND CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO**
22 **THE SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.**

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

1 treasurer.

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

6 (7) ~~(3)~~ Members of the board **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS** shall be
7 appointed for terms of 4 years beginning on November 1 following
8 their appointment. Of the members first appointed, 1 member of each
9 of the political parties represented on the ~~canvassing board~~ **OF**
10 **COUNTY CANVASSERS** shall be appointed for a term of 4 years and 1
11 for a term of 2 years. ~~Members~~ **THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL NOTIFY**
12 **MEMBERS** of the board ~~shall be notified~~ **OF COUNTY CANVASSERS** of
13 their appointment within 5 days ~~thereafter by the county clerk~~ **OF**
14 **BEING APPOINTED.**

15 (8) ~~(4)~~ This section ~~shall apply~~ **APPLIES** to all elections, any
16 charter provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless Senate Bill No. 130

19 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.