

SENATE BILL No. 1126

February 10, 2010, Introduced by Senator McMANUS and referred to the Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 305 (MCL 168.305), as amended by 2004 PA 287.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 305. (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
2 chapter, the school district election coordinating committee for
3 each school district shall hold an initial meeting. Within 14 days
4 after convening the initial meeting, the school district election
5 coordinating committee shall file a report with the secretary of
6 state that sets forth the arrangements that are agreed upon for the
7 conduct of the school district's elections. Each school district
8 election coordinating committee member shall sign the report and
9 retain a copy.

10 (2) After filing its initial report under subsection (1) **AND**

1 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2011, a school district election coordinating
2 committee shall meet at 2-year intervals to review and, if
3 necessary, alter the election arrangements set forth in its
4 previous report. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012, A SCHOOL DISTRICT
5 ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT 4-YEAR INTERVALS TO
6 REVIEW AND, IF NECESSARY, ALTER THE ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH
7 IN ITS PREVIOUS REPORT. After each review, a school district
8 election coordinating committee shall either notify the secretary
9 of state in writing that its previous report is not being altered
10 or file with the secretary of state a report with the alterations.
11 ~~Election~~ UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2011, ELECTION arrangements made by the
12 clerks of the jurisdictions participating in the school district
13 election coordinating committee meeting are binding on the
14 participating jurisdictions for at least 2 years after the report
15 is filed, and each jurisdiction continues to be bound until an
16 altered report is filed. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012, ELECTION
17 ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE CLERKS OF THE JURISDICTIONS PARTICIPATING
18 IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ARE
19 BINDING ON THE PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS
20 AFTER THE REPORT IS FILED, AND EACH JURISDICTION CONTINUES TO BE
21 BOUND UNTIL AN ALTERED REPORT IS FILED.

22 (3) The arrangements agreed upon by a school district election
23 coordinating committee for the conduct of the school district's
24 elections shall accomplish at least both of the following:

25 (a) If a school district election is held on the same day as
26 an election of a jurisdiction that overlaps with the school
27 district, an elector wishing to vote in both elections shall not be

1 required to vote at 2 different locations.

2 (b) If, before the filing of an initial report or of the
3 notice or altered report after its 2-year **OR 4-YEAR** review, a city
4 or township clerk notifies the school district election
5 coordinating committee that the city or township clerk, in
6 consultation with the city council or township board, as
7 applicable, has decided to participate in the conduct of the school
8 district's elections, the school district election coordinating
9 committee shall include that city or township clerk in its initial
10 or an altered report as the person conducting the school district's
11 elections in the clerk's city or township.

12 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, if a
13 city or township is holding an election for elective office or on a
14 ballot question at the same time that a school district located in
15 whole or part in the city or township is holding an election, the
16 city or township clerk shall also conduct the school district
17 election within his or her jurisdiction. If a city or township
18 clerk is conducting a school election under this subsection, the
19 clerk shall use the same precincts that are used for state and
20 federal elections as the precincts for the school district
21 election. If these precincts change the polling place location for
22 school district electors, the clerk shall notify those school
23 district electors of the location of the different polling place. A
24 city or township clerk with the consent of the school district
25 election coordinator may use the school election precincts and
26 polling places. A city or township clerk conducting an election
27 under this subsection may consolidate election precincts in the

1 manner provided in section 659.