

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4656

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 931A. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
2 CONTRARY, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), THE
3 NAME OF AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF THIS STATE OR A
4 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SHALL NOT APPEAR ON ANY BALLOT-
5 RELATED MATERIAL THAT IS PROVIDED TO AN ELECTOR. AS USED IN THIS
6 SECTION, "BALLOT-RELATED MATERIAL" INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (A) ANY MATERIAL PROVIDED TO AN ELECTOR WITH AN ABSENT VOTER
8 BALLOT.

9 (B) ABSENT VOTER BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS.

10 (C) AN ENVELOPE USED TO MAIL TO AN ELECTOR AN ABSENT VOTER
11 BALLOT OR ANY OTHER BALLOT MATERIAL.

1 (D) AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE.

2 (2) ANY BALLOT-RELATED MATERIAL PRINTED OR PREPARED BEFORE THE
3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION THAT
4 CONTAINS THE NAME OF AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF THIS STATE
5 OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY BE USED IF THE ELECTED
6 OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT-RELATED
7 MATERIALS IS NOT A CANDIDATE AT THE ELECTION IN WHICH THOSE BALLOT-
8 RELATED MATERIALS ARE BEING USED.

9 (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
10 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100.00 FOR A
11 FIRST OFFENSE AND IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE
12 OF NOT MORE THAN \$250.00 FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.