

HOUSE BILL No. 5119

October 25, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Outman and McBroom and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 677 (MCL 168.677), as amended by 1997 PA 158.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 677. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4),
2 a precinct election inspector shall be a qualified and registered
3 elector of the county in which he or she serves or, in the case of
4 a local unit of government that lies in more than 1 county, is a
5 qualified and registered elector of the local unit of government in
6 which the election is being held, **THIS STATE**, shall have a good
7 reputation, and shall have sufficient education and clerical
8 ability to perform the duties of the office. A person shall not be
9 appointed to a board of election inspectors unless the person has
10 filed an application with a city, township, or village clerk in
11 that county where the individual wishes to serve as election

1 inspector.

2 (2) The application shall be in his or her own handwriting and
3 shall contain the applicant's name, home address, ward and precinct
4 registration if any, date of birth, ~~length of residence in the~~
5 ~~county,~~ political party affiliation, education, employment, and
6 other experience qualifications. The application shall provide a
7 certification that the applicant is not a member or a known active
8 advocate, as **THAT TERM IS** defined in section 674, of a political
9 party other than the one entered on the application. The form of
10 the application under this section shall be approved by the state
11 director of elections. The clerk shall maintain a file of
12 applications filed under this section and make the applications
13 available for public inspection at the clerk's office during normal
14 business hours.

15 (3) A person shall not be knowingly appointed or permitted to
16 act as a precinct election inspector if the person or any member of
17 his or her immediate family is a candidate for nomination or
18 election to any office at the election or who has been convicted of
19 a felony or election crime. A person shall not be permitted to act
20 as an election inspector if he or she has failed to attend a school
21 of instruction or failed to take an examination as provided in
22 section 683. This section does not prohibit the candidate for or
23 delegate to a political party convention from acting as an election
24 inspector in a precinct other than the precinct in which he or she
25 resides. An election shall not be invalidated merely because of the
26 violation of the provisions of this section.

27 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and

1 subject to subsection (5), a person who is 16 or 17 years of age
2 ~~and who is a resident of the county in which he or she serves or,~~
3 ~~in the case of a local unit of government that lies in more than 1~~
4 ~~county, is a resident of the local unit of government in which the~~
5 ~~election is being held~~ may be appointed to a board of election
6 inspectors. Before a person may be appointed under this subsection,
7 the first 3 members of the board required to be appointed under
8 section 672 must meet the requirements of subsections (1) to (3). A
9 person who is appointed under this subsection must meet the
10 requirements of subsections (1) to (3) other than being a qualified
11 and registered elector of ~~the county in which he or she serves.~~
12 **THIS STATE.** A person who is appointed under this subsection is not
13 eligible to be designated as chairperson of the board under section
14 674.

15 (5) If a person seeking appointment to a board of election
16 inspectors under subsection (4) is attending a K-12 school and if
17 an election falls on a school day, the person shall provide to the
18 clerk, along with the application filed under subsections (1) and
19 (2), a written document from his or her school specifically
20 acknowledging that person's application for appointment to the
21 board of election inspectors and specifically excusing that person
22 from school on the date of service, if ~~such~~ **THE** appointment is
23 made.