

HOUSE BILL No. 5845

September 11, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Nathan, Tlaib, Hovey-Wright, Townsend, Talabi, Smiley, Ananich, Brunner, McCann, Hobbs, Geiss, Segal, Bauer, Byrum, Lindberg, Darany, Switalski, Slavens, Barnett, Lipton, Constan and Brown and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 550a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 550A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT, IF AN**
2 **INCUMBENT CANDIDATE FOR A PARTISAN OFFICE CHANGES HIS OR HER**
3 **POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DURING THE 7 DAYS BEFORE THE NOMINATING**
4 **PETITION OR FILING FEE DEADLINE FOR THAT PARTISAN OFFICE, 1 OF THE**
5 **FOLLOWING OF THE POLITICAL PARTY WHICH THE INCUMBENT CANDIDATE**
6 **REPRESENTED BEFORE CHANGING HIS OR HER POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION**
7 **MAY, WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE NOMINATING PETITION OR FILING FEE**
8 **DEADLINE FOR THAT PARTISAN OFFICE, SELECT A REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE**
9 **TO REPRESENT THAT POLITICAL PARTY AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT**
10 **PARTISAN OFFICE:**

11 **(A) FOR A STATE OFFICE OR THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR,**
12 **THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY.**

1 (B) FOR A COUNTY OFFICE OR A DISTRICT OFFICE WITHIN AN
2 ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF 1 COUNTY, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
3 THE POLITICAL PARTY.

4 (C) FOR A DISTRICT OFFICE WITHIN AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT LESS
5 THAN 1 COUNTY IN WHICH 3 OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
6 COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDE IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT,
7 THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THAT POLITICAL
8 PARTY RESIDING IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT. FOR A DISTRICT OFFICE
9 WITHIN AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT LESS THAN 1 COUNTY IN WHICH LESS THAN
10 3 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY
11 RESIDE IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
12 THAT POLITICAL PARTY.

13 (D) FOR A DISTRICT OFFICE HAVING AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN MORE
14 THAN 1 COUNTY, THE MEMBERS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTY EXECUTIVE
15 COMMITTEES OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDING IN THOSE PARTS OF THE
16 COUNTIES THAT ARE IN THE DISTRICT.

17 (E) FOR A WARD OR TOWNSHIP OFFICE IN WHICH 3 OR MORE MEMBERS
18 OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDE IN
19 THE WARD OR TOWNSHIP, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
20 OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY RESIDING IN THE WARD OR TOWNSHIP. FOR A
21 WARD OR TOWNSHIP OFFICE IN WHICH LESS THAN 3 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY
22 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY RESIDE IN THE WARD OR
23 TOWNSHIP, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY.