

# HOUSE BILL No. 5790

September 10, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Hobbs and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled

"An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties,"

by amending the title and section 16 (MCL 554.616).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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TITLE

An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; **TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE TENANTS WITH VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF**

1 CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; to provide for legal  
2 remedies; and to provide penalties AND CIVIL SANCTIONS.

3 Sec. 16. (1) ~~This act takes effect April 1, 1973 and applies~~  
4 ~~only to security deposits held pursuant to leases entered into,~~  
5 ~~renewed or renegotiated after April 1, 1973.~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION  
6 (2), WHEN A TENANT TAKES POSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT, THE OWNER  
7 SHALL PROVIDE THE TENANT WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND THE  
9 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER.

10 (B) A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

11 (C) NOTICE THAT ELECTION INFORMATION AND FURTHER REGISTRATION  
12 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

13 (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A SUBLESSEE UNLESS THE  
14 SUBLESSEE TAKES POSSESSION OF THE RENTAL UNIT WITH THE OWNER'S  
15 KNOWLEDGE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE OWNER'S RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
16 SUBLESSOR.

17 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE  
18 INFORMATION AND FORMS THAT AN OWNER MAY USE TO SATISFY THE  
19 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1), IN AN EASILY PRINTABLE FORMAT. THE  
20 WEBSITE SHALL STATE BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 (A) THAT THE INFORMATION AND FORMS ARE ADEQUATE TO SATISFY THE  
22 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) IF PROVIDED TO A TENANT AS REQUIRED  
23 UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

24 (B) THAT THE EXPENSE OF PRINTING THE FORMS MAY BE TAX  
25 DEDUCTIBLE.

26 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A  
27 STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE OF

1 NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.