

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4068

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 659 (MCL 168.659), as amended by 2014 PA 94.

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

1       Sec. 659. (1) ~~If a county, city, ward, township, village,~~  
2 ~~metropolitan district, or school district is divided into 2 or more~~  
3 ~~election precincts, the~~ **THE** county, city, ward, **OR** township, ~~or~~  
4 ~~village~~ election commissioners may, by resolution, consolidate the  
5 election precincts for a particular election that is not a general  
6 November election, primary election immediately before a general  
7 November election, ~~or other statewide or federal election.~~ **FOR A**  
8 **STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED**  
9 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR OTHER QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THIS**  
10 **STATE THAT IS NOT A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION OR A PRIMARY ELECTION**

1 **BEFORE A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, AN ELECTION COMMISSION IS ONLY**  
2 **AUTHORIZED TO CONSOLIDATE THOSE PRECINCTS HAVING POLLING PLACES**  
3 **LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING.** In making the determination to  
4 consolidate election precincts for a particular election, the  
5 election commission shall take into consideration the number of  
6 choices the voter must make, the percentage of registered voters  
7 who voted at the last similar election in the jurisdiction, and the  
8 intensity of the interest of the electors in the jurisdiction  
9 concerning the candidates and proposals to be voted upon.  
10 Consolidated precincts shall not exceed 5,000 active registered  
11 electors.

12 (2) A consolidation under this section shall be made not less  
13 than 60 days before a primary, general, or special election.

14 (3) Unless the polling places for the election precincts to be  
15 consolidated are located in the same building, when a county, city,  
16 ~~ward, OR township, or village~~ consolidates election precincts for  
17 a particular election under subsection (1), the election  
18 commissioners or other designated election officials shall do both  
19 of the following:

20 (a) Provide notice to the registered electors of the affected  
21 election precincts of the consolidation of election precincts for  
22 the particular election and the location of the polling place for  
23 the election precinct or precincts for that election. Notice may be  
24 provided by mail or other method designed to provide actual notice  
25 to the registered electors.

26 (b) Post a written notice at each election precinct polling  
27 place stating the location of the consolidated election precinct

1 polling place.

2 (4) If a county, city, ~~ward,~~**OR** ~~township , or village~~  
3 consolidates election precincts under this section, each affected  
4 election precinct shall be treated as a whole unit and shall not be  
5 divided during the consolidation.