

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4272

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 642 (MCL 168.642), as amended by 2013 PA 51.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 642. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and  
2   section 642a, ~~on the effective date of this act,~~ **BEGINNING ON**  
3   **SEPTEMBER 1, 2004,** a city shall hold its regular election or  
4   regular primary election as follows:

5       (a) A city shall hold its regular election for a city office  
6   at the odd year general election.

7       (b) A city shall hold its regular election primary at the odd  
8   year primary election.

9       (c) A city that holds its regular election for a city office  
10   annually or in the even year on the November regular election date  
11   shall continue holding elections on that schedule.

1 (d) A city that holds its regular election primary for a city  
2 office annually or in the even year on the August regular primary  
3 election date shall continue holding primary elections on that  
4 schedule.

5 (2) If, on September 1, 2004, a city holds its regular  
6 election at other than a regular November election date, the city  
7 council may choose to hold the regular election on the May regular  
8 election date by adopting a resolution in compliance with this  
9 section. Except as provided in section 642a, if a city council  
10 adopts the resolution in compliance with this section to hold its  
11 regular election on the May regular election date, after December  
12 31, 2004, the city's regular election is on the May regular  
13 election date. If a city's regular election is held on the May  
14 regular election date, ~~the city's regular election primary shall be~~  
15 ~~held on the February regular election date immediately before its~~  
16 ~~regular election.~~ **THE CITY SHALL NOT HOLD A REGULAR PRIMARY**  
17 **ELECTION.**

18 (3) If, on September 1, 2004, a city holds its regular  
19 election annually or in the even year on the November regular  
20 election date, the city council may choose to hold the regular  
21 election at the odd year general election by adopting a resolution  
22 in compliance with this section. Except as provided in section  
23 642a, if a city council adopts the resolution in compliance with  
24 this section to hold its regular election at the odd year general  
25 election, after December 31, 2004, the city's regular election is  
26 at the odd year election. If a city's regular election is held at  
27 the odd year general election, the city's regular election primary

1 shall be held at the odd year primary election.

2 (4) If, on September 1, 2004, a city holds its regular  
3 election annually on the November regular election date, the city  
4 council may choose to hold the regular election at the even year  
5 general election by adopting a resolution in compliance with this  
6 section. Except as provided in section 642a, if a city council  
7 adopts the resolution in compliance with this section to hold its  
8 regular election at the even year general election, after December  
9 31, 2004, the city's regular election is at the even year election.  
10 If a city's regular election is held at the even year general  
11 election, the city's regular election primary shall be held at the  
12 even year primary election.

13 (5) A village shall hold its regular election as follows:

14 (a) A village shall hold its regular election for a village  
15 office at the general election and the appropriate township clerk  
16 shall conduct the election.

17 (b) A village shall not hold a regular primary election.

18 (6) If a village's special election is held in conjunction  
19 with another election conducted by a township, the village shall  
20 pay the township a proportionate share of the election expenses. If  
21 a village's special election is not held in conjunction with  
22 another election conducted by a township, the village shall pay the  
23 township 100% of the actual costs of conducting the village's  
24 special election.

25 (7) A resolution permitted under this section or section 642a  
26 is valid only if a city council adopts the resolution in compliance  
27 with all of the following:

1 (a) The resolution is adopted before 1 of the following:

2 (i) If the resolution is permitted under subsection (2), (3),  
3 or (4), January 1, 2005.

4 (ii) If the resolution is permitted under section 642a(1), (2),  
5 or (4), January 1 of the year in which the change in the date of  
6 the election takes effect.

7 (b) Before adopting the resolution, the council holds at least  
8 1 public hearing on the resolution. The public hearing may be held  
9 on the same day and immediately before considering the adoption of  
10 the resolution.

11 (c) The council gives notice of each public hearing on the  
12 resolution in a manner designed to reach the largest number of the  
13 jurisdiction's qualified electors in a timely fashion.

14 (d) The council votes on the resolution and, on a record roll  
15 call vote, a majority of the council's board members, elected or  
16 appointed, and serving, adopt the resolution.

17 (e) The council files the resolution with the secretary of  
18 state.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
20 after the date it is enacted into law.

21 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
22 unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are  
23 enacted into law:

24 (a) House Bill No. 4271.

25 (b) House Bill No. 4273.

26 (c) House Bill No. 4274.

27 (d) House Bill No. 4276.

1 (e) House Bill No. 4385.