

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4273

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 641 (MCL 168.641), as amended by 2015 PA 2.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 641. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section **AND**  
2       **SECTION 613A**, an election held under this act shall be held on 1 of  
3       the following regular election dates:

4       ~~—— (a) The February regular election date, which is the fourth~~  
5       ~~Tuesday in February. However, in each presidential election year~~  
6       ~~when a statewide presidential primary is held under section 613a,~~  
7       ~~the February regular election date is the second Tuesday in March.~~

8       **(A)** ~~(b)~~ The May regular election date, which is the first  
9       Tuesday after the first Monday in May.

10       **(B)** ~~(c)~~ The August regular election date, which is the first  
11       Tuesday after the first Monday in August.

1       (C) ~~(d)~~—The November regular election date, which is the first  
2 Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

3       (2) If an elective office is listed by name in section 643,  
4 requiring the election for that office to be held at the general  
5 election, and if candidates for the office are nominated at a  
6 primary election, the primary election shall be held on the August  
7 regular election date.

8       (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and  
9 subsection (4), a special election shall be held on a regular  
10 election date. A special election called by the governor under  
11 section 145, 178, 632, 633, or 634 to fill a vacancy or called by  
12 the legislature to submit a proposed constitutional amendment as  
13 authorized in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of  
14 1963 may, but is not required to be, held on a regular election  
15 date.

16       (4) A school district may call a special election to submit a  
17 ballot question to borrow money, increase a millage, or establish a  
18 bond if an initiative petition is filed with the county clerk. The  
19 petition shall be signed by a number of qualified and registered  
20 electors of the district equal to not less than 10% of the electors  
21 voting in the last gubernatorial election in that district or 3,000  
22 signatures, whichever number is lesser. Section 488 applies to a  
23 petition to call a special election for a school district under  
24 this section. In addition to the requirements set forth in section  
25 488, the proposed date of the special election shall appear beneath  
26 the petition heading, and the petition shall clearly state the  
27 amount of the millage increase or the amount of the loan or bond

sought and the purpose for the millage increase or the purpose for the loan or bond. The petition shall be filed with the county clerk by 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday before the proposed date of the special election. The petition signatures shall be obtained within 60 days before the filing of the petition. Any signatures obtained more than 60 days before the filing of the petition are not valid. If the special election called by the school district is not scheduled to be held on a regular election date as provided in subsection (1), the special election shall be held on a Tuesday. A special election called by a school district under this subsection shall not be held within 30 days before or 35 days after a regular election date as provided in subsection (1). A school district may only call 1 special election pursuant to this subsection in each calendar year.

(5) The secretary of state shall direct and supervise the consolidation of all elections held under this act.

(6) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Hammerstrom election consolidation law".

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

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

(a) House Bill No. 4271.

(b) House Bill No. 4272.

(c) House Bill No. 4274.

(d) House Bill No. 4276.

1 (e) House Bill No. 4385.