

HOUSE BILL No. 4815

August 18, 2015, Introduced by Rep. Wittenberg and referred to the Committee on Elections.

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:

1 TITLE
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3 relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the
4 payment, repayment, use, and investment of security deposits; to
5 provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental
6 units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental
7 units; **TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE TENANTS WITH VOTER**

1 REGISTRATION INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF
2 CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; to provide for legal
3 remedies; and to provide penalties AND CIVIL SANCTIONS.

4 Sec. 16. (1) ~~This act takes effect April 1, 1973 and applies~~
5 ~~only to security deposits held pursuant to leases entered into,~~
6 ~~renewed or renegotiated after April 1, 1973.~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION

7 (2), WHEN A TENANT TAKES POSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT, THE OWNER
8 SHALL PROVIDE THE TENANT WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

11 (B) A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A

1 STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE OF
2 NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.