HOUSE BILL No. 5943

September 22, 2016, Introduced by Reps. McBroom, Aaron Miller, Canfield, Cole, Johnson, Webber and Goike and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

by amending sections 192, 193, 197, 200, 223, 223a, 224, 228, 231, 253, 254, 258, 261, 345, 349, 355, 370, 370a, 697, and 699 (MCL 168.192, 168.193, 168.197, 168.200, 168.223, 168.223a, 168.224, 168.228, 168.231, 168.253, 168.254, 168.258, 168.261, 168.345, 168.349, 168.355, 168.370, 168.370a, 168.697, and 168.699), sections 193, 224, 254, and 349 as amended by 2012 PA 276, section 200 as amended by 1998 PA 364, section 355 as amended by 2013 PA 51, sections 370 and 370a as amended by 2014 PA 94, and section 699 as amended by 2012 PA 523, and by adding sections 192a, 193a, 197a, 200a, 223b, 224a, 228a, 231a, 253a, 254a, 258a, 261a, 345a, 349b, 356a, and 357a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 192. A-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 192A, A
- 2 general primary election of all political parties shall be held in
- 3 every county of this state on the Tuesday succeeding AFTER the
- 4 first Monday in August preceding BEFORE the general November
- 5 election at which the officers named in section 191 of this act are
- 6 to be elected, at which time the qualified and registered electors
- 7 of each political party may vote for party candidates for the
- 8 offices. This section shall not apply to POLITICAL parties required
- 9 to nominate candidates at caucuses or conventions.
- 10 SEC. 192A. (1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY
- 11 WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO
- 12 CONDUCT NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERK,
- 13 COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF,
- 14 DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, AND CORONER. IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 15 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE
- 16 RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE
- 17 RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.
- 18 (2) IF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS
- 19 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A GENERAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY
- 20 ELECTION SHALL BE HELD IN THAT COUNTY ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE
- 21 FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST BEFORE EVERY GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION AT
- 22 WHICH A COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS,
- 23 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR
- 24 CORONER IS TO BE ELECTED, AT WHICH TIME THE QUALIFIED AND
- 25 REGISTERED ELECTORS MAY VOTE FOR THE NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES FOR THE
- 26 OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS,
- 27 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR

- 1 CORONER. IF UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME FOR FILING PETITIONS OR
- 2 A FILING FEE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY
- 3 TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN
- 4 COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE NOT TO
- 5 EXCEED TWICE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE
- 6 ELECTED, THEN THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
- 7 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK,
- 8 COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF,
- 9 DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER WHOSE PETITIONS HAVE BEEN
- 10 PROPERLY FILED AND THAT CANDIDATE SHALL BE SO CERTIFIED. AS TO THAT
- 11 OFFICE, THERE SHALL NOT BE A PRIMARY ELECTION AND THIS OFFICE SHALL
- 12 BE OMITTED FROM THE PRIMARY BALLOT.
- 13 Sec. 193. (1) To-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 193A,
- 14 TO obtain the printing of the name of a person as a candidate for
- 15 nomination by a political party for an office named in section 191
- 16 under a particular party heading upon the official primary ballots,
- 17 there shall be filed with the county clerk nominating petitions
- 18 signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing
- 19 within the county as determined under section 544f. Nominating
- 20 petitions shall be in the form prescribed in section 544c. Until
- 21 December 31, 2013, the county clerk shall receive nominating
- 22 petitions up to 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday before the August
- 23 primary. Beginning January 1, 2014, the THE county clerk shall
- 24 receive nominating petitions up to 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday
- 25 before the August primary.
- 26 (2) To EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 193A, TO obtain
- 27 the printing of the name of a candidate of a political party under

- 1 the particular party's heading upon the primary election ballots in
- 2 the various voting precincts of the county, there may be filed by
- 3 the candidate, in lieu of filing nomination petitions, a filing fee
- 4 of \$100.00 to be paid to the county clerk. Payment of the fee and
- 5 certification of the candidate's name paying the fee shall be
- 6 governed by the same provisions as in the case of nominating
- 7 petitions. The fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the
- 8 county and shall be refunded to candidates who are nominated and to
- 9 an equal number of candidates who receive the next highest number
- 10 of votes in the primary election. If 2 or more candidates tie in
- 11 having the lowest number of votes allowing a refund, the sum of
- 12 \$100.00 shall be divided among them. The deposits of all other
- 13 defeated candidates, as well as the deposits of candidates who
- 14 withdraw or are disqualified, shall be forfeited and the candidates
- 15 shall be notified of the forfeiture. Deposits forfeited under this
- 16 section shall be paid into and credited to the general fund of the
- 17 county.
- 18 SEC. 193A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 19 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 192A.
- 20 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3), TO OBTAIN THE PRINTING OF THE
- 21 NAME OF A PERSON AS A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF
- 22 COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING
- 23 ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER UPON
- 24 THE OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOTS, THERE SHALL BE FILED WITH
- 25 THE COUNTY CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF
- 26 QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE COUNTY AS
- 27 DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 544F. NOMINATING PETITIONS SHALL BE IN THE

- 1 FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 544A. THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL RECEIVE
- 2 NOMINATING PETITIONS UP TO 4 P.M. OF THE FIFTEENTH TUESDAY BEFORE
- 3 THE AUGUST PRIMARY.
- 4 (3) INSTEAD OF FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS, A CANDIDATE FOR
- 5 COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING
- 6 ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER MAY PAY
- 7 A FILING FEE OF \$100.00 TO THE COUNTY CLERK. PAYMENT OF THE FILING
- 8 FEE AND CERTIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S NAME PAYING THE FILING FEE
- 9 SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE SAME PROVISIONS AS IN THE CASE OF
- 10 NOMINATING PETITIONS. THE FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL
- 11 FUND OF THE COUNTY.
- 12 (4) THE NOMINATING PETITION SIGNATURES FILED UNDER THIS
- 13 SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 552.
- 14 Sec. 197. The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 197A,
- 15 THE candidates of each political party for the offices named in
- 16 section 191 of this act receiving the greatest number of votes cast
- 17 for said THOSE offices, as set forth in the reports of the board of
- 18 county canvassers, based on the returns from the various election
- 19 precincts, or as determined by said THE board as the result of a
- 20 recount, shall be declared the nominees of that political party for
- 21 said THOSE offices at the next ensuing November election. The board
- 22 of county canvassers shall forthwith certify such THE nominations
- 23 to the county election commission.
- 24 SEC. 197A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 25 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 192A.
- 26 (2) THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY
- 27 TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN

- 1 COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
- 2 VOTES AT A PRIMARY ELECTION, TO A NUMBER EQUAL TO TWICE THE NUMBER
- 3 OF PLACES TO BE FILLED AS SET FORTH IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
- 4 COUNTY CANVASSERS, BASED ON THE RETURNS FROM THE VARIOUS ELECTION
- 5 PRECINCTS OR AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AS A
- 6 RESULT OF A RECOUNT, SHALL BE DECLARED THE NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE
- 7 OF COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING
- 8 ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER AT THE
- 9 NEXT NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS SHALL
- 10 CERTIFY THE NOMINATIONS TO THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.
- 11 Sec. 200. (1) A-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 200A,
- 12 A county clerk, a county treasurer, a register of deeds, a
- 13 prosecuting attorney, a sheriff, a drain commissioner, and a
- 14 surveyor shall be elected at the 2000 general November election and
- 15 every fourth year after that. However, in a county in which 1 of
- 16 these offices is abolished or combined as provided by law, no
- 17 person shall be elected to that office in that county.
- 18 (2) Subject to subsections (3), (4), and (5), a county board
- 19 of commissioners may by resolution combine the offices of county
- 20 clerk and register of deeds in 1 office of the clerk register or
- 21 separate the office of the clerk register into the offices of
- 22 county clerk and register of deeds. A combination or separation of
- 23 offices shall not take effect before the expiration of the current
- 24 term of the affected offices.
- 25 (3) Before adopting a resolution to combine the offices of
- 26 county clerk and register of deeds or separate the office of clerk
- 27 register into the offices of county clerk and register of deeds, a

- 1 county board of commissioners shall study the question of combining
- 2 or separating the offices. The mandatory requirements of this
- 3 subsection may be satisfied by conducting a public hearing pursuant
- 4 to subsection (4).
- 5 (4) The county board of commissioners as a whole body shall
- 6 hold not less than 1 public hearing, held subject to the open
- 7 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, on the question of
- 8 combining or separating the offices of county clerk and register of
- 9 deeds. The county board of commissioners may vote on the question
- 10 as a regularly scheduled agenda item not less than 10 days or more
- 11 than 30 days after the last public hearing held by the county board
- 12 of commissioners on the question.
- 13 (5) Not later than the sixth Tuesday before the deadline for
- 14 filing the nominating petitions for the office of county clerk,
- 15 register of deeds, or clerk register, the county board of
- 16 commissioners may by a vote of 2/3 of the commissioners elected and
- 17 serving combine the offices of county clerk and register of deeds
- 18 or separate the office of the clerk register. The resolution shall
- 19 become effective upon the commencement of the next term of office
- 20 of the county clerk, register of deeds, or clerk register after the
- 21 adoption of the resolution.
- 22 SEC. 200A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 23 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 192A.
- 24 (2) IF THERE ARE FEWER NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
- 25 CLERK, COUNTY TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,
- 26 SHERIFF, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, SURVEYOR, OR CORONER THAN THERE ARE
- 27 PERSONS TO BE ELECTED BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OR DISQUALIFICATION OF A

- 1 NOMINEE LESS THAN 66 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION,
- 2 THEN A PERSON SHALL NOT BE ELECTED AT THAT GENERAL NOVEMBER
- 3 ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO NOMINEE.
- 4 Sec. 223. A-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 223B, A
- 5 primary of all political parties shall be held on the Tuesday
- 6 succeeding AFTER the first Monday in August preceding BEFORE the
- 7 general November election in the year 1956 and every fourth year
- 8 thereafter, at which time the qualified and registered electors of
- 9 each political party may vote for party candidates for nomination
- 10 for the office of county auditor. A primary of all political
- 11 parties shall be held on the third Monday in February preceding the
- 12 general April election in the year 1957 and every fourth year
- 13 thereafter, and in the year 1959 and every fourth year thereafter,
- 14 at which time the qualified and registered electors of each
- 15 political party may vote for party candidates for nomination for
- 16 the office of county auditor: Provided, That this THIS section
- 17 shall not apply to POLITICAL parties required to nominate
- 18 candidates at conventions.
- 19 Sec. 223a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
- 20 local acts to the contrary, in any county now or hereafter having a
- 21 population of 1,000,000 or more, any elected county auditor whose
- 22 term of office expires on December 31, 1965, shall continue in
- 23 office until December 31, 1966; any elected county auditor whose
- 24 term of office expires on December 31, 1967, shall continue in
- 25 office until December 31, 1968; any elected county auditor whose
- 26 term of office expires on December 31, 1968, shall continue in
- 27 office until December 31, 1970. Thereafter each county auditor

- 1 shall be elected for a term of 6 years and until a successor shall
- 2 be IS elected and qualified. If for any reason the office of county
- 3 auditor is abolished before the expiration of the term of any
- 4 county auditor, the term shall be deemed CONSIDERED to have expired
- 5 on the date the office was abolished. County auditors shall be
- 6 nominated and elected in all respects in the same manner as
- 7 provided by law for the nomination and election of other partisan
- 8 county officers.
- 9 SEC. 223B. (1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY
- 10 WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO
- 11 CONDUCT NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR. IF
- 12 A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN
- 13 THIS SECTION, THE RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE
- 14 YEAR IN WHICH THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.
- 15 (2) IF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS
- 16 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A GENERAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY
- 17 ELECTION SHALL BE HELD IN THAT COUNTY ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE
- 18 FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST BEFORE EVERY GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION AT
- 19 WHICH A COUNTY AUDITOR IS TO BE ELECTED, AT WHICH TIME THE
- 20 QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS MAY VOTE FOR THE NONPARTISAN
- 21 CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR. IF UPON THE EXPIRATION
- 22 OF THE TIME FOR FILING PETITIONS OR A FILING FEE FOR THE PRIMARY
- 23 ELECTION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE NOT TO
- 24 EXCEED TWICE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE
- 25 ELECTED, THEN THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
- 26 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY AUDITOR
- 27 WHOSE PETITIONS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY FILED AND THAT CANDIDATE SHALL

- 1 BE SO CERTIFIED. AS TO THAT OFFICE, THERE SHALL NOT BE A PRIMARY
- 2 ELECTION AND THIS OFFICE SHALL BE OMITTED FROM THE PRIMARY BALLOT.
- 3 Sec. 224. (1) To EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 224A,
- 4 TO obtain the printing of the name of a person as candidate for
- 5 nomination by a political party for the office of county auditor
- 6 under a particular party heading upon the official primary ballots,
- 7 there shall be filed with the county clerk nominating petitions
- 8 signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing
- 9 within the county as determined under section 544f. Nominating
- 10 petitions shall be in the form prescribed in section 544c. Until
- 11 December 31, 2013, the county clerk shall receive nominating
- 12 petitions up to 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday before the August
- 13 primary. Beginning January 1, 2014, the THE county clerk shall
- 14 receive nominating petitions up to 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday
- 15 before the August primary.
- 16 (2) TO EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 224A, TO
- 17 obtain the printing of the name of the candidate of a political
- 18 party under the particular party's heading upon the primary
- 19 election ballots in the various voting precincts of the county,
- 20 there may be filed by the candidate, in lieu of filing nominating
- 21 petitions, a filing fee of \$100.00 to be paid to the county clerk.
- 22 Payment of the fee and certification of the name of the candidate
- 23 paying the fee shall be governed by the same provisions as in the
- 24 case of nominating petitions. The fee shall be deposited in the
- 25 general fund of the county and shall be refunded to candidates who
- 26 are nominated and to an equal number of candidates who received the
- 27 next highest number of votes in the primary election. If 2 or more

- 1 candidates tie in having the lowest number of votes allowing a
- 2 refund, the sum of \$100.00 shall be divided among them. The
- 3 deposits of all other defeated candidates and of candidates who
- 4 withdraw or are disqualified shall be forfeited and the candidates
- 5 shall be notified of the forfeitures. Deposits forfeited under this
- 6 section shall be paid into and credited to the general fund of the
- 7 county.
- 8 SEC. 224A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 9 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 223B.
- 10 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3), TO OBTAIN THE PRINTING OF THE
- 11 NAME OF A PERSON AS A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF
- 12 COUNTY AUDITOR UPON THE OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOTS, THERE
- 13 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS SIGNED BY
- 14 A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE
- 15 COUNTY AS DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 544F. NOMINATING PETITIONS SHALL
- 16 BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 544A. THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL
- 17 RECEIVE NOMINATING PETITIONS UP TO 4 P.M. OF THE FIFTEENTH TUESDAY
- 18 BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY.
- 19 (3) INSTEAD OF FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS, A CANDIDATE FOR
- 20 COUNTY AUDITOR MAY PAY A FILING FEE OF \$100.00 TO THE COUNTY CLERK.
- 21 PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE AND CERTIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S NAME
- 22 PAYING THE FILING FEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE SAME PROVISIONS AS
- 23 IN THE CASE OF NOMINATING PETITIONS. THE FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN
- 24 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.
- 25 (4) THE NOMINATING PETITION SIGNATURES FILED UNDER THIS
- 26 SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 552.
- Sec. 228. The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 228A,

- 1 THE candidate of each political party for the office of county
- 2 auditor receiving the greatest number of votes cast for candidates
- 3 for said THAT office, as set forth in the report of the board of
- 4 county canvassers, based on the returns from the various election
- 5 precincts, or as determined by said—THE board as the result of a
- 6 recount, shall be declared the nominee of that political party for
- 7 said THE office OF COUNTY AUDITOR at the next ensuing November
- 8 election, and the board of county canvassers shall forthwith
- 9 certify such THE nomination to the county election commission not
- 10 later than 35 days prior to said BEFORE THE ensuing election.
- 11 SEC. 228A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 12 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 223B.
- 13 (2) THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR RECEIVING
- 14 THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT A PRIMARY ELECTION, TO A NUMBER
- 15 EQUAL TO TWICE THE NUMBER OF PLACES TO BE FILLED AS SET FORTH IN
- 16 THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS, BASED ON THE RETURNS
- 17 FROM THE VARIOUS ELECTION PRECINCTS OR AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD
- 18 OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AS A RESULT OF A RECOUNT, SHALL BE DECLARED
- 19 THE NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE NEXT NOVEMBER
- 20 ELECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS SHALL CERTIFY THE
- 21 NOMINATIONS TO THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.
- 22 Sec. 231. A-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 231A, A
- 23 county auditor shall be elected at the general November election in
- 24 the year 1956 and every fourth year thereafter. , and in counties
- 25 electing a county auditor in the spring, a county auditor shall be
- 26 elected at the biennial spring election.
- 27 SEC. 231A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF

- 1 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 223B.
- 2 (2) IF THERE ARE FEWER NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY
- 3 AUDITOR THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED BECAUSE OF THE DEATH
- 4 OR DISQUALIFICATION OF A NOMINEE LESS THAN 66 DAYS BEFORE THE
- 5 GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, THEN A PERSON SHALL NOT BE ELECTED AT
- 6 THAT GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE FOR WHICH THERE IS
- 7 NO NOMINEE.
- 8 Sec. 253. A—EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 253A, A
- 9 general primary election of all political parties shall be held on
- 10 the Tuesday succeeding AFTER the first Monday in August preceding
- 11 BEFORE every general November election in which county road
- 12 commissioners are elected, at which time the qualified and
- 13 registered electors of each political party may vote for party
- 14 candidates for the office of county road commissioner.
- 15 SEC. 253A. (1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY
- 16 WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO
- 17 CONDUCT NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ROAD
- 18 COMMISSIONER. IF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A
- 19 RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT
- 20 ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.
- 21 (2) IF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS
- 22 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A GENERAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY
- 23 ELECTION SHALL BE HELD IN THAT COUNTY ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE
- 24 FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST BEFORE EVERY GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION AT
- 25 WHICH COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS ARE TO BE ELECTED, AT WHICH TIME
- 26 THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS MAY VOTE FOR THE NONPARTISAN
- 27 CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER. IF UPON THE

- 1 EXPIRATION OF THE TIME FOR FILING PETITIONS OR A FILING FEE FOR THE
- 2 PRIMARY ELECTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS IT APPEARS THAT
- 3 THERE ARE NOT TO EXCEED TWICE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS THERE ARE
- 4 PERSONS TO BE ELECTED, THEN THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL CERTIFY TO THE
- 5 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE
- 6 FOR COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER WHOSE PETITIONS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY
- 7 FILED AND THAT CANDIDATE SHALL BE SO CERTIFIED. AS TO THAT OFFICE,
- 8 THERE SHALL NOT BE A PRIMARY ELECTION AND THIS OFFICE SHALL BE
- 9 OMITTED FROM THE PRIMARY BALLOT.
- Sec. 254. (1) To EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 254A,
- 11 TO obtain the printing of the name of a person as a candidate for
- 12 nomination by a political party for the office of county road
- 13 commissioner under a particular party heading upon the official
- 14 primary ballots, there shall be filed with the county clerk of the
- 15 county nominating petitions signed by a number of qualified and
- 16 registered electors residing within the county as determined under
- 17 section 544f. Nominating petitions shall be in the form prescribed
- 18 in section 544c. Until December 31, 2013, the county clerk shall
- 19 receive nominating petitions up to 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday
- 20 before the August primary in which county road commissioners are to
- 21 be elected. Beginning January 1, 2014, the THE county clerk shall
- 22 receive nominating petitions up to 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday
- 23 before the August primary in which county road commissioners are to
- 24 be elected.
- 25 (2) To EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 254A, TO obtain
- 26 the printing of the name of a candidate of a political party under
- 27 the particular party's heading upon the primary election ballots in

- 1 the various voting precincts of the county, there may be filed by
- 2 each candidate, in lieu of filing nominating petitions, a filing
- 3 fee of \$100.00 to be paid to the county clerk. Payment of the fee
- 4 and certification of the name of the candidate paying the fee shall
- 5 be governed by the same provisions as in the case of nominating
- 6 petitions. The fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the
- 7 county and shall be returned to all candidates who are nominated
- 8 and to an equal number of candidates who received the next highest
- 9 number of votes in the primary election. If 2 or more candidates
- 10 tie in having the lowest number of votes allowing a refund, the sum
- 11 of \$100.00 shall be divided among them. The deposits of all other
- 12 defeated candidates, as well as the deposits of candidates who
- 13 withdraw or are disqualified, shall be forfeited and the candidates
- 14 shall be notified of the forfeitures. Deposits forfeited under this
- 15 section shall be paid into and credited to the general fund of the
- 16 county.
- 17 SEC. 254A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 18 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 253A.
- 19 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3), TO OBTAIN THE PRINTING OF THE
- 20 NAME OF A PERSON AS A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF
- 21 COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER UPON THE OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY
- 22 BALLOTS, THERE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK NOMINATING
- 23 PETITIONS SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS
- 24 RESIDING WITHIN THE COUNTY AS DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 544F.
- 25 NOMINATING PETITIONS SHALL BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
- 26 544A. THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL RECEIVE NOMINATING PETITIONS UP TO 4
- 27 P.M. OF THE FIFTEENTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY.

- 1 (3) INSTEAD OF FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS, A CANDIDATE FOR
- 2 COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER MAY PAY A FILING FEE OF \$100.00 TO THE
- 3 COUNTY CLERK. PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE AND CERTIFICATION OF THE
- 4 CANDIDATE'S NAME PAYING THE FILING FEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE
- 5 SAME PROVISIONS AS IN THE CASE OF NOMINATING PETITIONS. THE FEE
- 6 SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.
- 7 (4) THE NOMINATING PETITION SIGNATURES FILED UNDER THIS
- 8 SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 552.
- 9 Sec. 258. The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 258A,
- 10 THE candidate of each political party for the office of county road
- 11 commissioner receiving the greatest number of votes cast for
- 12 candidates for said THAT office, as set forth in the report of the
- 13 board of county canvassers, based on the returns from the various
- 14 election precincts, or as determined by said THE board as the
- 15 result of a recount, shall be declared the nominee of that
- 16 political party for said THE office OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER at
- 17 the next ensuing November election, and the board of county
- 18 canvassers shall forthwith certify such THE nomination to the
- 19 county election commission.
- 20 SEC. 258A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 21 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 253A.
- 22 (2) THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER
- 23 RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT A PRIMARY ELECTION, TO A
- 24 NUMBER EQUAL TO TWICE THE NUMBER OF PLACES TO BE FILLED AS SET
- 25 FORTH IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS, BASED ON THE
- 26 RETURNS FROM THE VARIOUS ELECTION PRECINCTS OR AS DETERMINED BY THE
- 27 BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AS A RESULT OF A RECOUNT, SHALL BE

- 1 DECLARED THE NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONER AT
- 2 THE NEXT NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS SHALL
- 3 CERTIFY THE NOMINATIONS TO THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.
- 4 Sec. 261. A-EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 261A, A county road
- 5 commissioner shall be elected at the general election to be held on
- 6 the Tuesday succeeding AFTER the first Monday of November in every
- 7 even numbered year.
- 8 SEC. 261A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A COUNTY BOARD OF
- 9 COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 253A.
- 10 (2) IF THERE ARE FEWER NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ROAD
- 11 COMMISSIONER THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED BECAUSE OF THE
- 12 DEATH OR DISQUALIFICATION OF A NOMINEE LESS THAN 66 DAYS BEFORE THE
- 13 GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, THEN A PERSON SHALL NOT BE ELECTED AT
- 14 THAT GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE FOR WHICH THERE IS
- 15 NO NOMINEE.
- 16 Sec. 345. A-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 345A, A
- 17 primary of all political parties shall be held in every organized
- 18 township of this state on the Tuesday succeeding AFTER the first
- 19 Monday in August preceding BEFORE every general November election,
- 20 at which time the qualified and registered electors of each
- 21 political party may vote for party candidates for township offices.
- 22 SEC. 345A. (1) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP WITH A
- 23 POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT
- 24 NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF SUPERVISOR, CLERK,
- 25 TREASURER, OR TRUSTEE. IF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP ADOPTS
- 26 A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE RESOLUTION TAKES
- 27 EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE RESOLUTION IS

- 1 ADOPTED.
- 2 (2) IF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED
- 3 UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A GENERAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY SHALL BE HELD
- 4 IN THAT TOWNSHIP ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST
- 5 BEFORE EVERY GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION AT WHICH A TOWNSHIP
- 6 SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREASURER, AND TRUSTEES ARE TO BE ELECTED, AT
- 7 WHICH TIME THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS MAY VOTE FOR
- 8 NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR,
- 9 CLERK, TREASURER, AND TRUSTEE. IF UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME
- 10 FOR FILING PETITIONS FOR THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OF A
- 11 TOWNSHIP OFFICE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE
- 12 NOT TO EXCEED TWICE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS THERE ARE PERSONS
- 13 TO BE ELECTED, THEN THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY
- 14 CLERK THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR THAT TOWNSHIP OFFICE WHOSE
- 15 PETITIONS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY FILED AND THAT CANDIDATE SHALL BE THE
- 16 NOMINEE FOR THAT TOWNSHIP OFFICE AND SHALL BE SO CERTIFIED. AS TO
- 17 THAT TOWNSHIP OFFICE, THERE SHALL BE NO PRIMARY ELECTION AND THIS
- 18 TOWNSHIP OFFICE SHALL BE OMITTED FROM THE PRIMARY BALLOT.
- 19 Sec. 349. (1) To-EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 349B,
- 20 TO obtain the printing of the name of a person as a candidate for
- 21 nomination by a political party for a township office under the
- 22 particular party heading upon the official primary ballots, there
- 23 shall be filed with the township clerk nominating petitions signed
- 24 by a number of qualified and registered electors residing within
- 25 the township as determined under section 544f. Nominating petitions
- 26 shall be in the form prescribed in section 544c. Until December 31,
- 27 2013, the township clerk shall receive nominating petitions up to 4

- 1 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday before the August primary. Beginning
- 2 January 1, 2014, the THE township clerk shall receive nominating
- 3 petitions up to 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday before the August
- 4 primary.
- 5 (2) Within EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 349B,
- 6 WITHIN 4 days after the last day for filing nominating petitions,
- 7 the township clerk shall deliver to the county clerk a list setting
- 8 forth the name, address, and political affiliation and office
- 9 sought of each candidate who has qualified for a position on the
- 10 primary ballot.
- 11 SEC. 349B. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A BOARD OF
- 12 TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
- 13 345A.
- 14 (2) TO OBTAIN THE PRINTING OF THE NAME OF A PERSON AS A
- 15 CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR A TOWNSHIP OFFICE DESCRIBED IN SECTION
- 16 345A UPON THE OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOTS, THERE SHALL BE
- 17 FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS SIGNED BY A
- 18 NUMBER OF QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE
- 19 TOWNSHIP DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 544F. NOMINATING PETITIONS SHALL
- 20 BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 544A. THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL
- 21 RECEIVE NOMINATING PETITIONS UP TO 4 P.M. OF THE FIFTEENTH TUESDAY
- 22 BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY.
- 23 (3) WITHIN 4 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING
- 24 PETITIONS, THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL DELIVER TO THE COUNTY CLERK A
- 25 LIST SETTING FORTH THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND OFFICE SOUGHT FOR EACH
- 26 CANDIDATE WHO HAS QUALIFIED FOR A POSITION ON THE NONPARTISAN
- 27 PRIMARY BALLOT.

- 1 Sec. 355. (1) The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION
- 2 356A, THE candidate or candidates of each political party to a
- 3 township office receiving the greatest number of votes cast for
- 4 candidates of that office, as set forth in the report of the board
- 5 of county canvassers, based on the returns from the various
- 6 election precincts, or as determined by the board of county
- 7 canvassers as the result of a recount, shall be declared the
- 8 nominee or nominees of that political party for that office at the
- 9 next ensuing November election. The board of county canvassers
- 10 shall certify the nomination or nominations to the township clerk
- 11 within 48 hours after the polls close.
- 12 (2) Within 4 days following the primary, the township clerk
- 13 shall deliver to the county clerk a list setting forth the names,
- 14 addresses, political affiliation, and office sought of all
- 15 candidates nominated at the primary.
- 16 SEC. 356A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A BOARD OF
- 17 TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
- 18 345A.
- 19 (2) THE CANDIDATES FOR EACH TOWNSHIP OFFICE DESCRIBED IN
- 20 SECTION 345A RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES AT A NONPARTISAN
- 21 PRIMARY ELECTION, TO A NUMBER EQUAL TO TWICE THE NUMBER OF PLACES
- 22 TO BE FILLED AS SET FORTH IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP
- 23 CANVASSERS, BASED ON THE RETURNS FROM THE VARIOUS ELECTION
- 24 PRECINCTS OR AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS AS THE
- 25 RESULT OF A RECOUNT, SHALL BE DECLARED THE NOMINEES FOR THOSE
- 26 TOWNSHIP OFFICES AT THE NEXT NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE BOARD OF COUNTY
- 27 CANVASSERS SHALL CERTIFY THE NOMINATIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

- 1 WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS.
- 2 (3) WITHIN 4 DAYS FOLLOWING THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY, THE
- 3 TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL DELIVER TO THE COUNTY CLERK A LIST SETTING
- 4 FORTH THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND OFFICE SOUGHT OF EACH CANDIDATE
- 5 NOMINATED AT THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY.
- 6 SEC. 357A. (1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A BOARD OF
- 7 TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER
- 8 SECTION 345A.
- 9 (2) IF THERE ARE FEWER NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR,
- 10 CLERK, TREASURER, OR TRUSTEE THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED
- 11 BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OR DISQUALIFICATION OF A NOMINEE LESS THAN 66
- 12 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, THEN A PERSON SHALL NOT
- 13 BE ELECTED AT THAT GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE FOR
- 14 WHICH THERE IS NO NOMINEE.
- 15 Sec. 370. (1) Except as provided in section 370a or subsection
- 16 (2), if a vacancy occurs in an elective or appointive township
- 17 office, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the township
- 18 board, and the person appointed shall hold the office for the
- 19 remainder of the unexpired term.
- 20 (2) If 1 or more vacancies occur in an elective township
- 21 office that cause the number of members serving on the township
- 22 board to be less than the minimum number of board members that is
- 23 required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by
- 24 the board, the board of county election commissioners shall make
- 25 temporary appointment of the number of members required to
- 26 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the township
- 27 board. An official appointed under this subsection shall hold the

- 1 office only until the official's successor is elected or appointed
- 2 and qualified. An official who is temporarily appointed under this
- 3 subsection shall not vote on the appointment of himself or herself
- 4 to an elective or appointive township office.
- 5 (3) If a township official submits a written resignation from
- 6 an elective township office, for circumstances other than a
- 7 resignation related to a recall election, that specifies a date and
- 8 time when the resignation is effective, the township board, within
- 9 30 days before that effective date and time, may appoint a person
- 10 to fill the vacancy at the effective date and time of the
- 11 resignation. The resigning official shall not vote on the
- 12 appointment.
- 13 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), if the township
- 14 board does not make an appointment under subsection (3), or if a
- 15 vacancy occurs in an elective township office and the vacancy is
- 16 not filled by the township board or the board of county election
- 17 commissioners within 45 days after the beginning of the vacancy,
- 18 the county clerk of the county in which the township is located
- 19 shall call a special election within 5 calendar days to fill the
- 20 vacancy. Not EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, NOT
- 21 later than 4 p.m. on the fifteenth calendar day after the county
- 22 clerk calls a special election under this section, the township
- 23 party committee for each political party in the township shall
- 24 submit a nominee to fill the vacancy. IF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A
- 25 TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 345A, TO OBTAIN
- 26 THE PRINTING UPON THE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE NAME OF A
- 27 PERSON AS A CANDIDATE FOR A VACANT TOWNSHIP OFFICE, THERE SHALL BE

- 1 FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS, IN THE FORM
- 2 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 544A, SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED AND
- 3 REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP DETERMINED UNDER
- 4 SECTION 544F. IF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A
- 5 RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 345A, THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL
- 6 RECEIVE NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR A VACANT TOWNSHIP OFFICE UP TO 4
- 7 P.M. ON THE FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY AFTER THE COUNTY CLERK CALLS A
- 8 SPECIAL ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION, AND WITHIN 4 DAYS AFTER THE
- 9 LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS, THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL
- 10 DELIVER TO THE COUNTY CLERK A LIST SETTING FORTH THE NAME AND
- 11 ADDRESS OF EACH CANDIDATE WHO HAS QUALIFIED TO BE PLACED ON THE
- 12 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THAT VACANT TOWNSHIP OFFICE. The
- 13 special election shall be held on the next regular election date
- 14 that is not less than 60 days after the deadline for submitting
- 15 nominees under this section or 70 days after the deadline for
- 16 submitting nominees under this section if the next regular election
- 17 date is the even year August primary or the general November
- 18 election. Notice of the special election shall be given in the same
- 19 manner required by section 653a. A special election called under
- 20 this section does not affect the rights of a qualified elector to
- 21 register for any other election. A person elected to fill a vacancy
- 22 shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 23 (5) Subsection (4) does not apply to the office of township
- 24 constable. If a vacancy occurs in the office of township constable,
- 25 the township board shall determine if and when the vacancy shall be
- 26 filled by appointment. If the township board does not fill the
- 27 vacancy by appointment, the office of township constable shall

- 1 remain vacant until the next general or special election in which
- 2 township offices are filled.
- 3 Sec. 370a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 370, if a
- 4 vacancy occurs in an elective or appointive township office, which
- 5 vacancy is filled by appointment by the township board or the board
- 6 of county election commissioners and the vacancy occurs more than 7
- 7 days before the nominating petition filing deadline as provided in
- 8 section 349 OR 349B for the general November election that is not
- 9 the general November election at which a successor in office would
- 10 be elected if no vacancy, then the person appointed shall hold
- 11 office only until a successor is elected at the next general
- 12 November election in the manner provided by law and qualifies for
- 13 office. The successor shall hold the office for the remainder of
- 14 the unexpired term.
- 15 Sec. 697. At—EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 699(2)
- 16 OR (3), AT the general November election, the names of the several
- 17 offices to be voted for shall be placed on the ballot substantially
- 18 in the following order in the years in which elections for such
- 19 THOSE offices are held: Electors of president and vice-president of
- 20 the United States; governor and lieutenant governor; secretary of
- 21 state; attorney general; United States senator; representative in
- 22 congress; senator and representative in the state legislature;
- 23 members of the state board of education; regents of the university
- 24 UNIVERSITY of Michigan; trustees of Michigan state university;
- 25 STATE UNIVERSITY; governors of Wayne state university; STATE
- 26 UNIVERSITY; county executive; prosecuting attorney; sheriff; clerk;
- 27 treasurer; register of deeds; auditor in counties electing an

- 1 auditor; mine inspector in counties electing a mine inspector;
- 2 county road commissioners; drain commissioners; coroners; and
- 3 surveyor. The following township officers shall be placed on the
- 4 same ballot as above described in substantially the following order
- 5 in the year in which elections for such-THOSE offices are held:
- 6 supervisor, clerk, treasurer, trustees, and constables.
- 7 Sec. 699. (1) At SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3), AT any
- 8 regular election, the names of the several nonpartisan offices to
- 9 be voted for shall be placed on a separate portion of the ballot
- 10 containing no party designation in the following order: justices of
- 11 the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, judges of the
- 12 circuit court, judges of the probate court, judges of the district
- 13 court, community college board of trustees member, intermediate
- 14 school district board member, city officers, the following village
- 15 officers in substantially the following order in the year in which
- 16 elections for the offices are held: president, clerk, treasurer,
- 17 and trustees, and in a year in which an election for the office is
- 18 held, local school district board member, metropolitan district
- 19 officer, and district library board member.
- 20 (2) IF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS
- 21 PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 192A, 223B, OR 253A, THE NAMES OF THE
- 22 NONPARTISAN COUNTY OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR SHALL BE PLACED ON A
- 23 SEPARATE PORTION OF THE BALLOT CONTAINING NO PARTY DESIGNATION AS
- 24 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) AND SHALL APPEAR AFTER INTERMEDIATE
- 25 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND BEFORE CITY OFFICERS.
- 26 (3) IF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A RESOLUTION
- 27 AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 345A, THE NAMES OF THE NONPARTISAN

- 1 TOWNSHIP OFFICES TO BE VOTED SHALL BE PLACED ON A SEPARATE PORTION
- 2 OF THE BALLOT CONTAINING NO PARTY DESIGNATION AS PROVIDED IN
- 3 SUBSECTION (1) AND SHALL APPEAR AFTER CITY OFFICERS AND BEFORE
- 4 VILLAGE OFFICERS.
- 5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 6 after the date it is enacted into law.

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