

HOUSE BILL No. 5945

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 1966 PA 261, entitled

"An act to provide for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners; to prescribe the size of the board; to provide for appeals; to prescribe the manner of election of the members of the county board of commissioners; to provide for compensation of members; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 11 (MCL 46.411), as amended by 2002 PA 158, and by adding section 11c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 11. A candidate for the office of county commissioner
2 shall be a resident and registered voter of the district that he or
3 she seeks to represent and shall remain a resident and registered
4 voter to hold his or her office, if elected. ~~Nominations~~ **EXCEPT AS**
5 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 11C, NOMINATIONS** and elections for
6 commissioners shall be by partisan elections. In order for the name

1 of a candidate for nomination for the office of county commissioner
2 to appear on the official primary ballot, a nominating petition or
3 \$100.00 filing fee shall be filed with the county clerk. The
4 nominating petition shall have been signed by a number of qualified
5 and registered electors residing within the district as determined
6 under section 544f of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL
7 168.544f. The deadline for filing nomination petitions or filing
8 fees is the same as for a candidate for state representative. A
9 person who has been convicted of a violation of section 12a(1) of
10 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412a, is not eligible to be a county
11 commissioner for 20 years after the conviction.

12 **SEC. 11C. THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY WITH A**
13 **POPULATION OF LESS THAN 75,000 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT**
14 **NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER. IF A**
15 **COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED IN**
16 **THIS SECTION, THE RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE**
17 **YEAR IN WHICH THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.**

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

20 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
21 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5493 (request no.
22 06159'16 *) of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.