

SENATE BILL No. 1127

September 26, 2018, Introduced by Senator SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Elections and Government Reform.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled
"Community college act of 1966,"
by amending section 83 (MCL 389.83), as amended by 2003 PA 306.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 83. (1) A member of the board of trustees of a community
2 college established under this chapter shall be elected for a term
3 of 6 years unless he or she is elected to fill a vacancy for the
4 unexpired term under subsection (5).

5 (2) A candidate for trustee shall be nominated at a
6 nonpartisan primary election conducted under the Michigan election
7 law. The nominating petitions ~~shall~~**MUST** contain not less than 250
8 or more than 500 signatures of registered school electors of the
9 appropriate trustee district and ~~shall~~**MUST** be filed with the
10 school district filing official for the community college district

1 on or before 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~**FIFTEENTH** Tuesday before the
2 primary election. A signature on a nominating petition is not valid
3 unless the petitioner is a registered school elector of the trustee
4 district in which the candidate is running for election. The school
5 district filing official may compare the signatures on the
6 petitions with the signatures appearing on the registration records
7 or in some other proper manner determine whether the signatures
8 appearing on the petition are genuine and comply with the
9 requirements of this section. Not more than 2 candidates shall be
10 nominated at the primary election for each trustee district.

11 (3) Each of the 9 trustees shall commence his or her term of
12 office on January 1 following his or her election.

13 (4) A candidate for the office of board member representing a
14 trustee district or a person elected or appointed to fill a vacancy
15 under subsection (5) ~~shall~~**MUST** be 18 years of age or older at the
16 time of his or her election or appointment and ~~shall~~**MUST** be an
17 elector residing in the trustee district in which the person
18 becomes a candidate or ~~which~~**THAT** the person is appointed to
19 represent. If a member representing a trustee district ceases to
20 reside in the trustee district during the trustee's term of office,
21 it is a vacating of office.

22 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees, the vacancy
23 ~~shall~~**MUST** be filled from among electors of the trustee district by
24 majority vote of the remaining board members. If a person is
25 appointed to fill a vacancy in a trustee district for which the
26 unexpired term is more than 1 year and 8 months, that person shall
27 serve until January 1 following the next general election. At that

1 next general election the vacancy ~~shall~~**MUST** be filled for the
2 unexpired term. A vacancy ~~shall~~**MUST** not be filled later than 60
3 days before a primary election at which voting district board
4 members are to be nominated.

5 (6) Special elections may be called in the same manner as in
6 chapters 1 and 2.

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