

HOUSE BILL NO. 6333

November 12, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Steven Johnson and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 58, entitled
"An act to provide for selecting seats for members in the hall of
the house of representatives,"
by amending section 1 (MCL 4.61).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As a part of the organization of the house of
2 representatives ~~upon~~**on** the first day of the first regular session
3 of each legislature, the seats in the hall of the house ~~shall~~**must**
4 be selected ~~by the members~~ in a manner as follows: The clerk shall
5 ~~call the names of the members having the greatest total length of~~

1 ~~service in the house who shall select a seat. In like manner, the~~
2 ~~clerk shall call the names of members in the order of their total~~
3 ~~length of service in the house, who shall select seats of their~~
4 ~~choice not already selected, down to and including those members~~
5 ~~commencing their second terms. If there are 2 or more members who~~
6 ~~have an equal length of service the clerk shall prepare a list of~~
7 ~~their names and place opposite each name a number, which shall be~~
8 ~~drawn by lottery as prescribed in this section for members entering~~
9 ~~their first terms. The clerk shall then prepare a list of members~~
10 ~~entering upon their first terms, listing the names of such members~~
11 ~~alphabetically and placing opposite each name numbers in~~
12 ~~consecutive order from 1, using as many numbers as are necessary. A~~
13 ~~box shall be provided in which shall be deposited numbered white~~
14 ~~balls, which shall bear the same numbers as those appearing on said~~
15 ~~list. A boy or girl, selected by the clerk, then being blindfolded~~
16 ~~shall draw from the box 1 ball and hand it to the clerk, who shall~~
17 ~~announce the number on the ball, and the clerk shall call the~~
18 ~~member's name found on the list opposite the corresponding number,~~
19 ~~who shall then select a seat not previously selected. In like~~
20 ~~manner all members entering upon their first terms shall select~~
21 ~~seats. Any representative elect necessarily absent on the first day~~
22 ~~of the session may, in writing, appoint any representative to~~
23 ~~select a seat for him, and if no one appears for such absent~~
24 ~~representative elect, then the clerk of the house shall make a~~
25 ~~selection for him, when his name is called.~~**prescribed by the clerk**
26 **of the house of representatives.**