

HOUSE BILL NO. 5951

March 22, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Garza, Brabec, Young, Hope, Cavanagh, Sowerby, Manoogian, Pohutsky, Brenda Carter, Sabo, Weiss, Rabhi, Coleman, Stone, Tate, Kuppa, Steckloff, Morse, Hood, Breen, Hertel, Tyrone Carter, Aiyash, Camilleri, Puri, Rogers, Lasinski, Neeley, Haadsma, Ellison, Thanedar, LaGrand, Koleszar, Scott, Brixie, Cynthia Johnson, Anthony and Yancey and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 634b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 634b. (1) If a vacancy occurs in the office of state**
2 **senator or representative and the governor directs that the vacancy**
3 **be filled at a special election in that senatorial or**
4 **representative district, and that special election is held on a**
5 **date other than a regular election date, this state shall reimburse**

1 each county, city, or township for the cost of conducting the
2 special election. The reimbursement must not exceed the verified
3 account of actual costs of the special election as provided in this
4 section.

5 (2) Payment must be made upon presentation and approval of a
6 verified account of actual costs to the department of treasury,
7 local audit and finance division, after the department of treasury
8 and the secretary of state agree as to what constitutes valid costs
9 of conducting an election. Reimbursable costs do not include
10 salaries of permanent local officials or the cost of reusable
11 supplies and equipment.

12 (3) The legislature shall appropriate from the general fund of
13 this state an amount necessary to implement this section.

14 (4) To qualify for reimbursement, a county, city, or township
15 must submit its verified account of actual costs before the
16 expiration of 90 days after the date of the special election. This
17 state shall pay or disapprove all or a portion of the verified
18 account before the expiration of 90 days after this state receives
19 a verified account of actual costs under this subsection.

20 (5) If this state disapproves all or a portion of a verified
21 account of actual costs under subsection (4), this state shall send
22 a notice of disapproval along with the reasons for the disapproval
23 to the county, city, or township. Upon request of a county, city,
24 or township whose verified account or portion of a verified account
25 was disapproved under this section, this state shall review the
26 disapproved costs with the county, city, or township.