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Introduced by Reps. Tsernoglou, Andrews, McFall and Price

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 6052**

AN ACT to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “An act to reorganize, consolidate, and add to the election laws; to provide for election officials and prescribe their powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, state agencies, and state and local officials and employees; to provide for the nomination and election of candidates for public office; to provide for the resignation, removal, and recall of certain public officers; to provide for the filling of vacancies in public office; to provide for and regulate primaries and elections; to provide for the purity of elections; to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise; to define violations of this act; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and all other acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending sections 570, 795b, and 797a (MCL 168.570, 168.795b, and 168.797a), as amended by 2023 PA 81.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 570. Except for ballots used at an early voting site that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, absent voter ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at a clerk’s office on election day as provided under section 761(7) that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at an election day vote center as provided under section 523b that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, and ballots

that are translated to a language other than English that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, paper ballots must be numbered consecutively and identified by use of the words "official primary ballot" on the upper right hand corner on the front of the ballot with a perforated line across the top of the ballot and underneath the number and identification so that the stub with the number and identification may be torn off. The detachable stub serves for the several party tickets and the ballot number must be printed on the stub on 1 side only. A political party designation must not appear on a ballot stub so numbered and identified. After the ballots are trimmed and wrapped in sealed packages, the ballots must be distributed for use at the primary election in the same manner as is provided by law for the distribution of ballots to be used at general elections. Ballots must be prepared in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

No. ....

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

Primary election to be held ..... 20..... in the county of .....  
 .....party.

You cannot split your ticket. If you vote for candidates on more than 1 party ticket, your ballot will be rejected.

Make a cross or a check mark in the square to the left of not more than the number of names for each office as may be indicated under the title of each office.

	State.	Legislative.
	Governor.	State Senator. .....District.
	Vote for not more than one.	Vote for not more than one.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 John Doe		<input type="checkbox"/> 7 John Doe
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Richard Roe		<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Richard Roe
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Congressional.	Representative in State Legislature. ..... District.
	United States Senator..... Vote for not more than one.	Vote for not more than one.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 John Doe		<input type="checkbox"/> 9 John Doe
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Richard Roe		<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Richard Roe
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Representative in Congress. ..... District.	County. Prosecuting Attorney.
	Vote for not more than one.	Vote for not more than one.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 John Doe		<input type="checkbox"/> 11 John Doe
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Richard Roe		<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Richard Roe
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Sec. 795b. (1) Ballot labels must be printed or displayed in plain, clear, black type on white surface. Questions may be printed or displayed on red tinted surface and the names of candidates for nonpartisan offices on blue tinted surface. County questions may be printed or displayed on green tinted surface and local questions may be printed or displayed on buff surface. In a primary election to identify each political party, the titles of offices and the names of candidates may be arranged in vertical columns or in a series of separate pages or displays. The office title with a statement of the number of candidates to be voted for must be printed or displayed above or at the side of the names of the candidates for that office. The offices and candidates must be printed or displayed in the order provided by law, or if no such provision is made, in the order prescribed by the board of election commissioners of the county, city, village, township, or school district. If there are more candidates for an office than can be printed or displayed in 1 column or on 1 page or display, the ballot label must be clearly marked that the list of candidates is continued on the following column, page, or display, and so far as possible, the same number of names must be printed or displayed on each column, page, or display. Arrows or other directional signs may be used to indicate the place to vote for each candidate or question.

(2) Except for ballots used at an early voting site that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, absent voter ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at a clerk's office on election day as provided under section 761(7) that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at an election day vote center as provided under section 523b that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, and ballots that are translated to a language other than English that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, ballots that are processed through electronic tabulating equipment after the elector has voted must have an attached, numbered, perforated stub.

Sec. 797a. (1) Before entering the voting station, each elector must be offered instruction in the proper method of voting on the electronic voting system. If the elector needs additional instruction after entering the voting station, 2 election inspectors from different political parties may, if necessary, enter the voting station and provide the additional instructions.

(2) If the electronic voting system provides for the use of a ballot that is processed through electronic tabulating equipment after the elector votes, the elector shall transport the ballot to the ballot box, or other approved ballot container, without exposing any votes. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an election inspector shall ascertain, by comparing the number appearing on the ballot stub with the number recorded on the poll list, that the ballot delivered by the voter is the same ballot that was issued to the elector. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the numbers do not agree, the ballot must be marked as "rejected", and the elector must not be allowed to vote. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the numbers agree, an election inspector shall remove and discard the stub. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the election inspector shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box or other approved ballot container. If electronic tabulating equipment that deposits the voted ballot into the ballot box or other approved ballot container is used at the precinct, the election inspector shall return the ballot to the elector, and the elector shall deposit the ballot into the electronic tabulating equipment. The electronic tabulating equipment must be arranged so that the secrecy of the ballot is not violated. If required for the proper operation of the electronic tabulating equipment, 2 election inspectors from different political parties may periodically open the equipment to rearrange voted ballots and may transfer voted ballots to another approved ballot container. The requirement to compare a ballot number with the poll list does not apply to ballots used at an early voting site that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, absent voter ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at a clerk's office on election day as provided under section 761(7) that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at an election day vote center as provided under section 523b that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, and ballots that are translated to a language other than English that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system.

(3) A ballot from which the stub is detached must not be accepted by the election inspector in charge of the ballot box or other approved ballot container. An elector who spoils the elector's ballot may return the ballot and secure another ballot. The word "spoiled" must be written across the face of the ballot, and the ballot must be marked and secured for later return.

(4) A ballot of a challenged voter that has the names of candidates and questions printed directly on the voted ballot must be processed in the manner prescribed for challenging a vote cast by paper ballot. A challenge to a voter voting on an electronic voting system that does not use an individual hard copy ballot must be processed in the manner prescribed for challenging a vote cast on a voting machine.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an election inspector shall not allow any portion of a ballot, including a ballot stub, to be removed by any individual other than an election inspector from the polling place.

  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Governor