

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)

Act 116 of 1954

ASSISTED VOTERS

168.751 Assisting elector in marking ballot.

Sec. 751. When at an election an elector shall state that the elector cannot mark his or her ballot, the elector shall be assisted in the marking of his or her ballot by 2 inspectors of election. If an elector is so disabled on account of blindness, the elector may be assisted in the marking of his or her ballot by a member of his or her immediate family or by a person over 18 years of age designated by the blind person.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1972, Act 30, Imd. Eff. Feb. 19, 1972;—Am. 1979, Act 151, Imd. Eff. Nov. 27, 1979.

Popular name: Election Code

168.752, 168.753 Repealed. 1979, Act 151, Imd. Eff. Nov. 27, 1979.

Compiler's note: The repealed sections pertained to oath of election and to marking ballots for identification.

Popular name: Election Code

168.754 Assistance of electors; duties and restrictions.

Sec. 754. The inspectors upon whom shall fall the duty of assisting a voter shall render such assistance inside the voting booth by showing him how to mark his ballot in order to vote as he desires, or the inspector shall himself mark the ballot as directed by the voter, but no ballot shall be marked by the inspector from any written or printed list or slip furnished him by the voter or any other person. The inspector shall not suggest to the voter how he should vote, or in any manner attempt to influence him as to the marking of his ballot, nor allow any other person so to do: Provided, That the duties and restrictions with respect to inspectors as provided for in this section shall apply to and govern any person assisting the voter in the marking of his ballot, in accordance with the authorization in section 751 of this act.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955.

Popular name: Election Code

168.755 Repealed. 1979, Act 151, Imd. Eff. Nov. 27, 1979.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to entering on list the name, address, and disability of elector.

Popular name: Election Code

168.755a Elector unable to write or sign name; execution of election document by making mark or using signature stamp; "election document" defined.

Sec. 755a. (1) If an elector is unable to write, or sign his or her name on an election document because of a physical disability, the elector may execute the election document where a signature is required either by making his or her mark or by using a signature stamp.

(2) As used in this section, "election document" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) A voter application as described in section 523.
- (b) An absent voter ballot application as described in section 759 or 759a.
- (c) An emergency absent voter ballot application as described in section 759b.
- (d) An absent voter ballot return envelope as described in section 761.

History: Add. 2014, Act 79, Imd. Eff. Mar. 28, 2014.

Popular name: Election Code

168.756 False statement as perjury.

Sec. 756. An elector who shall falsely state that he or she is incapable of marking his or her ballot shall, on conviction, be considered guilty of perjury.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1979, Act 151, Imd. Eff. Nov. 27, 1979.

Popular name: Election Code

168.757 Unlawful conduct; felony.

Sec. 757. Any inspector who shall wilfully assist any elector in any manner contrary to the provisions contained in this section, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1979, Act 151, Imd. Eff. Nov. 27, 1979.

Popular name: Election Code