

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**NOTICES OF ELECTION**

**168.647 Repealed. 2018, Act 120, Eff. Dec. 31, 2018.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to notice of election.

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.648 Notice of elections to county clerk; time, contents.**

Sec. 648. The secretary of state, at least 60 days and not more than 90 days preceding any regular state or district primary or election, shall send to the county clerk of each county a notice in writing of such primary or election, specifying in such notice the federal, state and district offices for which candidates are to be nominated or elected, as well as any constitutional amendments and questions to be submitted thereat.

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

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.649 Repealed. 2012, Act 276, Eff. Aug. 16, 2012.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to certification of proposed constitutional amendment or special question.

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.649a Airport authority referendum; petitions, filing; submission.**

Sec. 649a. Regardless of any other provisions of this act, referendum petitions filed pursuant to the provisions of and within the time limit provided by section 23 of Act No. 73 of the Public Acts of 1970, being section 259.823 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election if the referendum petitions are determined by the secretary of state to be sufficient and valid as required by this act the same as other referendum petitions filed under the provisions of this act. Referendum petitions filed under the provisions of section 23 of Act No. 73 of the Public Acts of 1970 with the secretary of state shall be canvassed by him and if found to be sufficient shall be certified to the county clerks within the authority from which the petitions were filed and he shall at the same time prescribe the form in which the special question shall be submitted. The returns shall be canvassed by the board of county canvassers and the results certified to the secretary of state.

**History:** Add. 1970, Act 211, Imd. Eff. Sept. 18, 1970.

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.650 Subsequent vacancy; additional notice to county clerks.**

Sec. 650. If, after such notices have been sent, a vacancy shall occur in any office which by law is required to be filled at such election, the secretary of state shall send to each county clerk an additional notice specifying the office in which such vacancy exists and that such vacancy will be filled at the next general election.

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

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.651 Special election; notice to county clerks, contents.**

Sec. 651. Whenever a special election shall be ordered by the governor to fill any vacancy, the secretary of state shall immediately notify the county clerk of each of the counties embraced in the election district, or the county clerk of the county, the whole or part of which constitutes the election district, of the time of holding such election, the cause of such vacancy, the name of the officer and the time when the term of office will expire.

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

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.652 Special elections; notice to city and township clerks, contents.**

Sec. 652. On receipt of any such notice from the secretary of state, the county clerk shall forthwith send a copy of the notice in writing to the clerk of each city and township in his county, which notice shall contain in substance the notice so received from the secretary of state, and he shall at the same time in such notice designate all county offices to be filled and any questions to be submitted at such election. If such county shall be divided into 2 or more senatorial or representative districts, such notice, so far as it relates to the election of senators and representatives, shall be sent by the county clerk to the clerk of each city and

township in each respective district.

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

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.653 Repealed. 1982, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Jan. 27, 1982.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to public notice of election and offices to be filled.

**Popular name:** Election Code

**168.653a Election notice; publication; form; agreement to jointly publish notice.**

Sec. 653a. (1) On receipt of the notice from the county clerk pursuant to section 652, the clerk of each city and township shall give notice of the time and place at which the election is to be held, the offices to be filled, and the proposals to be submitted to the voters. The notice shall be published in a newspaper published, or of general circulation, in the city or township. A caption or brief description of the proposal or proposals along with the location where an elector can obtain the full text of the proposal or proposals shall be included in the notice. The publication shall be made not less than 7 days before the election. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the city or township

\_\_\_\_\_ notice is hereby given that a

\_\_\_\_\_

(indicate whether regular, special, or primary)

election will be held in \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_ from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of

(date)

nominating or electing candidates for the following offices:

\_\_\_\_\_

(list of offices)

and to vote on the following proposals:

\_\_\_\_\_

(list all proposals to be submitted to voters)

List of polling place locations: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

(clerk)

(2) A county clerk may enter into an agreement with the clerk of 1 or more townships or cities in the county or the clerks of 1 or more cities or townships in a county may enter into an agreement to jointly publish the notice in subsection (1). The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the cities and townships listed in the notice. If certain offices or proposals are to be voted on in less than all of the precincts, the notice shall specify the townships or cities that shall vote on only those offices or proposals.

**History:** Add. 1982, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Jan. 27, 1982;—Am. 2005, Act 71, Imd. Eff. July 14, 2005.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 4 of Act 71 of 2005 provides:

"Enacting section 4. If any portion of this amendatory act or the application of this amendatory act to any person or circumstances is found invalid by a court, the invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this amendatory act that can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, if the remaining portions are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end this amendatory act is declared to be severable."

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