

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

**168.711 Filing and mailing proof copies of ballots; affidavit; certification; correction and printing of ballots; forwarding copy to secretary of state.**

Sec. 711. (1) At the time of filing the proof copy of the ballot at the office of the county clerk, the county board of election commissioners shall direct the county clerk to send by first-class mail a proof copy of the official ballot to each candidate whose name appears on the ballot to the candidate's address listed on his or her affidavit of identity. If a candidate provides an email address on his or her affidavit of identity, the county clerk may also send a proof copy of the ballot to the candidate by email.

(2) The county clerk shall prepare and sign an affidavit when sending proof ballots that attests to all of the following:

- (a) Proof ballots were mailed as required.
- (b) The names of the candidates who were mailed proof ballots.
- (c) Each address to which the proof ballots were mailed.
- (d) The date or dates proof ballots were mailed.

(3) The county board of election commissioners shall also direct the county clerk to send proof ballots by email to the secretary of state who shall immediately approve and certify the ballot or notify the county clerk of any correction.

(4) If a candidate desires to correct an error on the ballot, the candidate shall contact the county clerk by telephone or email with the corrections. All corrections must be received by the county clerk no later than 4 p.m. on the fifth business day after the proof copy of the ballot is mailed to each candidate as provided in subsection (1). After 4 p.m. on the fifth business day after the county clerk mails the proof copy of the ballot to each candidate as provided in subsection (1), the county clerk is authorized to begin printing the ballots.

(5) The county clerk shall email a copy of the corrected ballot to the secretary of state.

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