

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

**168.862 Error in canvass or returns of votes; recount petition by candidate; good-faith belief in winning.**

Sec. 862. A candidate for office who believes that the candidate is aggrieved on account of error in the canvass or returns of the votes may petition for a recount of the votes cast for that office in any precinct or precincts. A candidate is aggrieved if the candidate is able to allege a good-faith belief that, but for error in the canvass or returns of the votes, the candidate would have had a reasonable chance of winning the election. If a candidate for office files a recount petition, that candidate must file that recount petition in good faith and the number of votes requested to be recounted must, at a minimum, be greater than the difference in votes between the petitioning candidate and the winning candidate. The candidate must use the form as required under section 865(1).

**History:** 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1958, Act 192, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;—Am. 1976, Act 141, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1976;—Am. 2003, Act 302, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005;—Am. 2018, Act 128, Eff. Aug. 1, 2018;—Am. 2024, Act 74, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

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