MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT) Act 116 of 1954

168.865 Recount petitions; forms. Sec. 865. (1) A candidate petition for a

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(List additional precincts/vote centers on the back or attach			
Specifically explain the error in the canvass or returns of vo	tes:		
My deposit of \$ is enclosed.			
Signature of candidate:			
Date of signature:			
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 20)		
Name of notary public:			
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(3) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (5), a ballot question committee petition for a recount must be in the following form:
BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE PETITION FOR A RECOUNT
I an authorized representative of petition the
I, an authorized representative of, petition the, state/county) board of canvassers for a recount of the votes cast for the
(ballot question) at the election. The ballot question committee has a good-faith belief that, but for error, the result of the ballot question would have been the opposite. The ballot question committee is requesting a recount of sufficient votes to change the result of the election.
The ballot question committee requests that the following precincts, absent voter counting board (AVCB)
precincts, and early voting precincts within the listed jurisdictions be recounted: Precinct/AVCB Precinct/Early Voting Precinct Number
(List additional precincts/vote centers on the back or attach additional sheets) Specifically explain the error in the canvass or returns of votes:
My deposit of \$ is enclosed. Signature of ballot question committee representative:
Date of signature: Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 20
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 20
Name of notary public:
Signature of notary public:
Notary public, State of Michigan, County of
Acting in the County of
My commission expires:
(4) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (5), a ballot question committee counter petition for a recount must be in the following form: BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE COUNTER PETITION FOR A RECOUNT
I, an authorized representative of, counter petition the
(state/county) board of canvassers for a recount of the votes cast for the
(ballot question) at the election.
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My deposit of \$ is enclosed.
Signature of ballot question committee representative:
Date of signature:
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 20
Name of notary public:
Signature of notary public:
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(5) The secretary of state shall modify the ballot question committee petition for a recount form under subsection (3) and the ballot question committee counter petition for a recount form under subsection (4) as appropriate to allow an elector to file either petition as authorized under sections 863 and 880.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 2024, Act 74, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

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