

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

**168.972 Nominating and voting for candidate for nonpartisan office; signing and filing nominating petition; signing, contents, and filing of recall petition.**

Sec. 972. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) and section 971c, if the recall election involves a nonpartisan office, a candidate for that nonpartisan office shall be nominated and voted for in the recall election by filing a nominating petition or paying a \$100.00 nonrefundable fee not later than 4 p.m. on the tenth day after the filing official with whom the recall petition is filed calls the recall election. The nominating petition shall be filed with the clerk of the electoral district and signed by 10% of the number of qualified and registered electors of the electoral district as required under section 544f. Instead of filing a nominating petition, an individual may become a candidate by paying a \$100.00 nonrefundable fee with the clerk of the electoral district.

(2) This subsection applies to a recall election involving a school board member, if the recall election is scheduled to be held on the same date as a general election. A nominating petition filed by a candidate shall be signed by a number of qualified and registered electors of the school district as determined under section 303. The nominating petition shall be filed with the school district election coordinator, as designated by section 301, not later than 4 p.m. on the tenth day after the filing official with whom the recall petition is filed calls the recall election. Instead of filing a nominating petition, an individual may become a candidate by paying a \$100.00 nonrefundable fee to the school district election coordinator.

**History:** 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1976, Act 66, Imd. Eff. Apr. 2, 1976;—Am. 1978, Act 107, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1978;—Am. 1978, Act 533, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1978;—Am. 1979, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Mar. 30, 1979;—Am. 1989, Act 26, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;—Am. 2003, Act 302, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005;—Am. 2004, Act 298, Imd. Eff. July 23, 2004;—Am. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 2 of Act 417 of 2012 provides:

"Enacting section 2. As provided in section 5 of 1846 RS 1, MCL 8.5, this act is severable."

Enacting section 3 of Act 417 of 2012 provides:

"Enacting section 3. The legislature recognizes the importance of the electoral process, and it is the intent of the legislature that this amendatory act uphold each of the following:

- (a) Section 4 of article II of the state constitution of 1963.
- (b) Section 8 of article II of the state constitution of 1963.
- (c) Section 26 of article V of the state constitution of 1963."

**Popular name:** Election Code