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December 10, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Richner and referred to the Committee on Family and Civil Law.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

by amending sections 409a, 409b, 409d, 409e, 409f, 412, 413, 413a, 415, 416, 417, 424a, 432, 433, 433a, 435, 435a, 436, 437, 467a, 467b, 467c, 467e, 467f, and 467g (MCL 168.409a, 168.409b, 168.409d, 168.409e, 168.409f, 168.412, 168.413, 168.413a, 168.415, 168.416, 168.417, 168.424a, 168.432, 168.433, 168.433a, 168.435, 168.435a, 168.436, 168.437, 168.467a, 168.467b, 168.467c, 168.467e, 168.467f, and 168.467g), sections 409d, 409e, 415, 416, 424a, 435, 435a, 436, 467c, 467e, and 467f as amended by 1990 PA 32, sections 409b, 413, 433, and 467b as amended by 1996 PA 583, and section 467a as amended by 1981 PA 4; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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- 1 Sec. 409a. (1) A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), A
- 2 general nonpartisan primary election shall be held in every
- 3 appellate court district of this state on the Tuesday
- 4 succeeding AFTER the first Monday in August preceding BEFORE
- 5 every general November election in which judges of the court of
- 6 appeals are to be elected -, at which time FOR the qualified and
- 7 registered electors may TO vote for nonpartisan candidates for
- 8 the office of judge of the court of appeals. : Provided, how-
- 9 ever, That if, upon expiration of the time
- 10 (2) IF, AFTER THE DEADLINE for filing petitions for the pri-
- 11 mary election of said FOR judge of the court of appeals in
- 12 any AN appellate court district, it shall appear that there
- 13 are not to exceed twice the number of candidates as there are
- 14 persons to be elected AT LEAST 3 CANDIDATES FOR EACH POSITION
- 15 NUMBER, then the FOLLOWING SHALL OCCUR:
- 16 (A) THE secretary of state shall certify to the county board
- 17 or boards of election commissioners the names of such THE can-
- 18 didates for EACH POSITION NUMBER FOR court of appeals judge whose
- 19 nominating petitions, filing fee, or affidavit of candidacy
- 20 have HAS been properly filed. , and such
- 21 (B) THOSE candidates shall be the nominees for judge of the
- 22 court of appeals FOR THAT POSITION NUMBER and shall be so cer-
- 23 tified AS THE CANDIDATES FOR THAT POSITION NUMBER. As to such
- 24 office there shall be no primary election and this office
- 25 (C) THERE SHALL NOT BE A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT SPECIFIED
- 26 POSITION NUMBER AND THE POSITION NUMBER shall be omitted from the
- 27 judicial primary ballot.

- 1 Sec. 409b. (1) To obtain the printing of IN ORDER FOR the
- 2 name of a qualified person other than an incumbent judge of the
- 3 court of appeals TO APPEAR as a candidate for nomination for the
- 4 office of judge of the court of appeals -upon ON the official
- 5 nonpartisan primary ballots, there BALLOT, A NOMINATING
- 6 PETITION shall be filed with the secretary of state. THE nominat-
- 7 ing petitions containing PETITION SHALL CONTAIN the signatures,
- 8 addresses, and dates of signing of a number of qualified and reg-
- 9 istered electors residing in the appellate court district equal
- 10 to not less than 1/2 of 1% or more than 2% of the total number of
- 11 votes cast in that appellate court district for secretary of
- 12 state at the last general November election in which a secretary
- 13 of state was elected. The provisions of sections 544a and 544b
- 14 apply. The secretary of state shall receive nominating peti-
- 15 tions -up to SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO LATER
- 16 THAN 4 p.m. on the twelfth Tuesday preceding BEFORE the
- 17 primary.
- 18 (2) Nominating petitions filed under this section are valid
- 19 only if they clearly indicate for which of the following
- 20 offices THE JUDICIAL OFFICE AND POSITION NUMBER FOR WHICH the
- 21 candidate is filing. -, consistent with subsection (6): EACH
- 22 JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DESIGNATED WITH A POSITION NUMBER. ONCE
- 23 A POSITION NUMBER IS DESIGNATED FOR A JUDICIAL OFFICE, THAT JUDI-
- 24 CIAL OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN THE SAME POSITION NUMBER DESIGNATION
- 25 REGARDLESS OF A CHANGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDING THE JUDICIAL
- 26 OFFICE. THE POSITION NUMBER IS DESIGNATED WHETHER OR NOT THERE

- 1 IS AN INCUMBENT IN THE JUDICIAL OFFICE SEEKING ELECTION AND IS
- 2 DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:
- 3 (a) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
- 4 bent judge is seeking election.
- 5 (b) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
- 6 bent judge is not seeking election.
- 7 (c) A new judgeship.
- 8 (A) BEGINNING WITH ELECTIONS AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, THE
- 9 FIRST JUDICIAL OFFICE SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION IS DES-
- 10 IGNATED POSITION NUMBER 1, THE NEXT IS DESIGNATED POSITION NUMBER
- 11 2, AND THE REMAINING JUDICIAL OFFICES SHALL BE DESIGNATED IN THE
- 12 SAME MANNER.
- 13 (B) IF MORE THAN 1 JUDICIAL OFFICE IS SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED
- 14 AT THE SAME ELECTION, THE OFFICE HELD BY THE JUDGE WITH THE LARG-
- 15 EST NUMBER OF YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IS DESIGNATED WITH THE
- 16 LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.
- 17 (C) IF 2 OR MORE JUDICIAL OFFICES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED
- 18 AT THE SAME ELECTION AND THE INCUMBENTS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF
- 19 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE, THE OFFICE HELD BY THE JUDGE WITH
- 20 THE LAST NAME WITH THE LOWEST ALPHABETICAL LETTER SHALL BE DESIG-
- 21 NATED WITH THE LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.
- 22 (3) Nominating petitions A NOMINATING PETITION, AFFIDAVIT
- 23 OF INCUMBENCY, FILING FEE, BALLOT, OR OTHER ELECTION-RELATED FORM
- 24 OR DOCUMENT SHALL LIST THE DESIGNATED POSITION NUMBER OF THE
- 25 JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS SEEKING ELECTION. A
- **26** NOMINATING PETITION specifying a new or existing POSITION
- 27 NUMBER FOR A court of appeals judgeship may not be used to

- 1 qualify a candidate for another <del>judicial office of</del> POSITION
- 2 NUMBER FOR the same court in the same judicial district. A NOMI-
- 3 NATING PETITION THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE POSITION NUMBER DESIG-
- 4 NATION IS INVALID. A person who files for election to more than 1
- 5 court of appeals judgeship shall have POSITION NUMBER HAS not
- 6 more than 3 days following the close of filing to withdraw from
- 7 all but 1 filing.
- 8 (4) An incumbent judge of the court of appeals may become a
- 9 candidate in the primary election for the office AND POSITION
- 10 NUMBER of which he or she is the incumbent by filing with the
- 11 secretary of state an affidavit of candidacy not less than 120
- 12 days before the date of the primary election. The affidavit of
- 13 candidacy shall contain statements that the affiant is an incum-
- 14 bent judge of the court of appeals, is domiciled within the dis-
- 15 trict, will not attain the age of 70 by the date of election, and
- 16 is a candidate for election to the office AND SPECIFIED POSITION
- 17 NUMBER of judge of the court of appeals.
- 18 (5) In the primary and general November election for 2 or
- 19 more <del>judgeships</del> JUDICIAL OFFICES of the court of appeals in a
- 20 judicial district, each of the following categories of
- 21 candidates JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DESIGNATED WITH A POSITION
- 22 NUMBER AND THE POSITION NUMBER ALONG WITH THE CANDIDATES' NAMES
- 23 FOR THE SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER shall be listed separately on
- 24 the ballot. , consistent with subsection (6): IN THE PRIMARY OR
- 25 GENERAL ELECTION FOR A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, AN INCUM-
- 26 BENT JUDGE WHO IS A CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE PRINTED UPON THE BALLOT
- 27 UNDER THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE THE DESIGNATION OF THAT OFFICE.

1 (a) The names of candidates for the judgeship or judgeships

- 2 for which the incumbent is seeking election.
- 3 (b) The names of candidates for the judgeship or judgeships
- 4 for which the incumbent is not seeking election.
- 5 (c) The names of candidates for a newly created judgeship or
- 6 judgeships.
- 7 (6) If the death or disqualification of an incumbent judge
- 8 triggers the application of section 409d(2), then for the pur-
- 9 poses of subsections (2) and (5), that judgeship shall be
- 10 regarded as a judgeship for which the incumbent judge is not
- 11 seeking election. The application of this subsection includes,
- 12 but is not limited to, circumstances in which the governor
- 13 appoints an individual to fill the vacancy and that individual
- 14 seeks to qualify as a nominee under section 409d(2).
- 15 Sec. 409d. (1) In FOR each SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER IN
- 16 AN appellate court district, the 2 candidates for office of
- 17 judge of the court of appeals receiving the largest number of
- 18 votes at any A primary election, to a number equal to twice
- 19 the number of persons to be elected as set forth in the report of
- 20 the board of state canvassers, based on the returns from the
- 21 various boards of county canvassers and election precincts, or as
- 22 determined by the board of state canvassers as the result of a
- 23 recount, shall be declared the nominees for the office at the
- 24 next general November election. The board of state canvassers
- 25 shall certify the nomination to the county election commissions.
- 26 (2) If, after the deadline for filing nominating petitions
- 27 under section 409b, there are fewer LESS THAN 2 candidates for

- 1 nomination or nominees for the <del>office</del> SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER
- 2 of judge of the court of appeals than there are persons to be
- 3 elected at the general November election because of the death or
- 4 disqualification of a candidate more than 65 days before the gen-
- 5 eral November election, then a person, whether or not an incum-
- 6 bent, may qualify as a THE nominee for that office POSITION
- 7 NUMBER at the general November election by filing nominating
- 8 petitions as required by section 409b. However, the filing shall
- 9 be made before 4 p.m. on the twenty-first day following the death
- 10 or disqualification of the candidate or 4 p.m. on the sixtieth
- 11 day preceding BEFORE the general November election, whichever
- 12 is earlier, and the minimum number of signatures required is
- 13 1,000 or 1/2 the minimum number required under section 409b,
- 14 whichever is less.
- 15 (3) The secretary of state shall certify the nomination of
- 16 each person who qualifies as a nominee under subsection (2) to
- 17 the board of election commissioners of each county in the appel-
- 18 late court district for the general November election.
- 19 Sec. 409e. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this sec-
- 20 tion, a judge or judges of the court of appeals shall be elected
- 21 in each appellate court district at the general November election
- 22 in which judges of the court of appeals are to be elected. as
- 23 provided by law.
- 24 (2) If there are fewer nominees for the office of IS NOT
- 25 AT LEAST 1 NOMINEE FOR A SPECIFIED POSITION FOR judge of the
- 26 court of appeals than there are persons to be elected at the
- 27 general November election because of the death or

- 1 disqualification of a nominee less than 66 days before the
- 2 general November election, then a person shall not be elected at

- 3 that general November election to any office FOR THE SPECIFIED
- 4 POSITION NUMBER of judge of the court of appeals. for which
- 5 there is no nominee.
- **6** (3) The term of office for judge of the court of appeals
- 7 shall be 6 years, commencing BEGINNING at 12 noon on January 1
- 8 next following AFTER his or her election and shall continue
- 9 CONTINUING until a successor is elected and qualified.
- 10 Sec. 409f. The board of state canvassers shall determine
- 11 which candidate or candidates for the office of FOR A SPECIFIED
- 12 POSITION NUMBER FOR judge of the court of appeals in each dis-
- 13 trict received the greatest number of votes and shall declare
- 14 such THAT candidate or candidates duly elected. The board
- 15 shall forthwith IMMEDIATELY make and subscribe on its statement
- 16 of returns a certificate of -such- THE determination and deliver
- 17 it to the secretary of state. AN ELECTION RESULT CERTIFICATION
- 18 SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED, THE JUDICIAL
- 19 OFFICE, AND THE POSITION NUMBER.
- Sec. 412. (1)  $\overline{A}$  EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), A
- 21 general nonpartisan primary election shall be held in every
- 22 county of this state on the Tuesday succeeding AFTER the first
- 23 Monday in August prior to BEFORE the general election at which
- 24 judges of the circuit court are elected -, at which time FOR the
- 25 qualified and registered electors may TO vote for nonpartisan
- 26 candidates for the office of CIRCUIT COURT judge. of the
- 27 circuit court. If, upon the expiration of the time

- 1 (2) IF, AFTER THE DEADLINE for filing petitions or
- 2 incumbency affidavits of candidacy for the primary election of
- 3 said judge of the circuit court in any FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
- 4 IN A judicial circuit, it shall appear that there are not to
- 5 exceed twice the number of candidates as there are persons to be
- 6 elected, then the AT LEAST 3 CANDIDATES FOR EACH POSITION
- 7 NUMBER, THEN THE FOLLOWING SHALL OCCUR:
- 8 (A) THE secretary of state shall certify to the county board
- 9 of election commissioners the name of such candidate NAMES OF
- 10 THE CANDIDATES FOR EACH POSITION NUMBER for circuit court judge
- 11 whose petitions or affidavits have been properly filed. —, and
- 12 such candidate
- 13 (B) THOSE CANDIDATES shall be the <u>nominee</u> NOMINEES for
- 14 the judge of the circuit court FOR THAT POSITION NUMBER and
- 15 shall be so certified AS THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION
- 16 NUMBER. As to such office, there
- 17 (C) THERE shall be no primary election and this office FOR
- 18 THAT SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER AND THE POSITION NUMBER shall be
- 19 omitted from the judicial primary ballot.
- 20 Sec. 413. To obtain the printing of EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
- 21 PROVIDED IN SECTION 413A, IN ORDER FOR the name of a person TO
- 22 APPEAR as a candidate for nomination for the office of CIRCUIT
- 23 COURT judge of the circuit court upon ON the official nonparti-
- 24 san primary ballots, there BALLOT, A NOMINATING PETITION shall
- 25 be filed with the secretary of state. THE nominating petitions
- 26 containing PETITION SHALL CONTAIN the signatures, addresses, and
- 27 dates of signing of a number of qualified and registered electors

- 1 residing in the judicial circuit, equal to not less than 1% or
- 2 more than 2% of the total number of votes cast in that judicial
- 3 district for secretary of state at the last general November
- 4 election in which a secretary of state was elected. or by the
- 5 filing of an affidavit according to section 413a. The secretary
- 6 of state shall receive the nominating petitions up to THE NOMI-
- 7 NATING PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO
- 8 LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday preceding BEFORE the
- 9 primary. The provisions of sections 544a and 544b apply.
- 10 Sec. 413a. Any AN incumbent circuit court judge may
- 11 become a candidate in the primary election for the office AND
- 12 POSITION NUMBER of which he OR SHE is an incumbent by filing with
- 13 the secretary of state an affidavit of candidacy not less than
- 14 120 days prior to BEFORE the date of the primary election. The
- 15 affidavit of candidacy shall contain statements that the affiant
- 16 is an incumbent circuit court judge for the circuit in which
- 17 election is sought, that he OR SHE is domiciled within the cir-
- 18 cuit, AND that he OR SHE will not attain the age of 70 by the
- 19 date of election, and a declaration that he OR SHE is a candidate
- 20 for election to the office AND SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER of cir-
- 21 cuit court judge.
- Sec. 415. (1) The 2 candidates for the office of A SPECI-
- 23 FIED POSITION NUMBER FOR CIRCUIT COURT judge of the circuit
- 24 court receiving the largest number of votes at any A primary
- 25 election, to a number equal to twice the number of persons to be
- 26 elected as set forth in the report of the board of state
- 27 canvassers, based on the returns from the various county boards

- 1 of canvassers and election precincts or as determined by the
- 2 board of state canvassers as the result of a recount, shall be
- 3 declared the nominees for the office at the next general
- 4 election. The board of state canvassers shall certify the nomi-
- 5 nation to the county election commissions.
- **6** (2) If, after the deadline for filing nominating petitions
- 7 under section 413, there are fewer LESS THAN 2 candidates for
- 8 nomination or nominees for the office of SPECIFIED POSITION
- 9 NUMBER OF CIRCUIT COURT judge of the circuit court than there
- 10 are persons to be elected at the general November election
- 11 because of the death or disqualification of a candidate more than
- 12 65 days before the general November election, then a person,
- 13 whether or not an incumbent, may qualify as a nominee for that
- 14 office POSITION NUMBER at the general November election by
- 15 filing nominating petitions as required by section 413. However,
- 16 the filing shall be made before 4 p.m. on the twenty-first day
- 17 following the death or disqualification of the candidate or 4
- 18 p.m. on the sixtieth day <del>preceding</del> BEFORE the general November
- 19 election, whichever is earlier, and the minimum number of signa-
- 20 tures required is 1,000 or 1/2 the minimum number required under
- 21 section 413, whichever is less.
- 22 (3) The secretary of state shall certify the nomination of
- 23 each person who qualifies as a nominee under subsection (2) to
- 24 the board of election commissioners specified by section 687 for
- 25 the general November election.
- 26 Sec. 416. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
- 27 a judge or judges of the circuit court shall be elected in each

- 1 judicial circuit at the general election in which judges of the
- 2 circuit court are to be elected. as provided by law.
- 3 (2) If there are fewer nominees for the office of IS NOT
- 4 AT LEAST 1 CANDIDATE FOR A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR CIRCUIT
- 5 COURT judge of the circuit court than there are persons to be
- 6 elected at the general November election because of the death or
- 7 disqualification of a nominee less than 66 days before the gen-
- 8 eral November election, then a person shall not be elected at
- 9 that general November election to any office of FOR THE SPECI-
- 10 FIED POSITION NUMBER OF CIRCUIT COURT judge. of the circuit
- 11 court for which there is no nominee.
- 12 Sec. 417. The board of state canvassers shall determine
- 13 which candidate or candidates for the office of A SPECIFIED
- 14 POSITION NUMBER FOR CIRCUIT COURT judge of the circuit court
- 15 received the greatest number of votes and shall declare -such-
- 16 THAT candidate or candidates duly elected. The said board
- 17 shall forthwith make IMMEDIATELY and subscribe on its statement
- 18 of returns a certificate of such THE determination and deliver
- 19 the same IT to the secretary of state. AN ELECTION RESULT CER-
- 20 TIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED, THE
- 21 JUDICIAL OFFICE, AND THE POSITION NUMBER.
- Sec. 424a. (1) In the primary and general election for 2
- 23 or more judgeships of the circuit court, each of the following
- 24 categories of candidates shall be listed separately on the
- 25 ballot, consistent with subsection (3):
- 26 (a) The names of candidates for the judgeship or judgeships
- 27 for which the incumbent is seeking election.

- 1 (b) The names of candidates for an existing judgeship or
- 2 judgeships for which the incumbent is not seeking election.
- 3 (c) The names of candidates for a newly created judgeship or

- 4 judgeships.
- 5 (2) Nominating petitions filed under section 413 are valid
- 6 only if they clearly indicate for which of the following offices
- 7 the candidate is filing, consistent with subsection (3):
- 8 (a) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
- 9 bent judge is not seeking election.
- 10 (b) A new judgeship.
- 11 (c) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
- 12 bent judge is seeking election.
- 13 (3) If the death or disqualification of an incumbent judge
- 14 triggers the application of section 415(2), then for the purposes
- 15 of subsections (1) and (2), that judgeship shall be regarded as a
- 16 judgeship for which the incumbent judge is not seeking election.
- 17 The application of this subsection includes, but is not limited
- 18 to, circumstances in which the governor appoints an individual to
- 19 fill the vacancy and that individual seeks to qualify as a nomi-
- 20 nee under section 415(2).
- 21 (1) NOMINATING PETITIONS FILED UNDER SECTION 413 ARE VALID
- 22 ONLY IF THEY CLEARLY INDICATE THE JUDICIAL OFFICE AND POSITION
- 23 NUMBER FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS FILING, CONSISTENT WITH
- 24 SUBSECTION (3). EACH JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DESIGNATED WITH A
- 25 POSITION NUMBER. ONCE A POSITION NUMBER IS DESIGNATED FOR A
- 26 JUDICIAL OFFICE, THAT JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN THE SAME
- 27 POSITION NUMBER DESIGNATION REGARDLESS OF A CHANGE IN THE

- 1 INDIVIDUAL HOLDING THE JUDICIAL OFFICE. THE POSITION NUMBER IS
- 2 DESIGNATED WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS AN INCUMBENT IN THE JUDICIAL
- 3 OFFICE SEEKING ELECTION AND IS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:
- 4 (A) BEGINNING WITH ELECTIONS AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, THE
- 5 FIRST JUDICIAL OFFICE SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION IS DES-
- 6 IGNATED POSITION NUMBER 1, THE NEXT IS DESIGNATED POSITION NUMBER
- 7 2, AND THE REMAINING JUDICIAL OFFICES SHALL BE DESIGNATED IN THE
- 8 SAME MANNER.
- 9 (B) IF MORE THAN 1 JUDICIAL OFFICE IS SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED
- 10 AT THE SAME ELECTION, THE OFFICE HELD BY THE JUDGE WITH THE LARG-
- 11 EST NUMBER OF YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IS DESIGNATED WITH THE
- 12 LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.
- 13 (C) IF 2 OR MORE JUDICIAL OFFICES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED
- 14 AT THE SAME ELECTION AND THE INCUMBENTS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF
- 15 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE, THE OFFICE HELD BY THE JUDGE WITH
- 16 THE LAST NAME WITH THE LOWEST ALPHABETICAL LETTER SHALL BE DESIG-
- 17 NATED WITH THE LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.
- 18 (2) IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION FOR 2 OR MORE JUDI-
- 19 CIAL OFFICES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, EACH JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE
- 20 DESIGNATED WITH A POSITION NUMBER AND THE POSITION NUMBER ALONG
- 21 WITH THE CANDIDATES' NAMES FOR THE SPECIFIED NUMBER SHALL BE
- 22 LISTED SEPARATELY ON THE BALLOT. IN THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELEC-
- 23 TION FOR A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AN INCUMBENT JUDGE WHO IS A CAN-
- 24 DIDATE SHALL HAVE PRINTED UPON THE BALLOT UNDER THE NAME OF THE
- 25 CANDIDATE THE DESIGNATION OF THAT OFFICE.
- 26 (3)  $\overline{(4)}$  A person who files for election to more than 1
- 27 circuit judgeship POSITION NUMBER shall have not more than 3

- 1 days following the close of filing to withdraw from all but 1
- 2 filing.
- 3 Sec. 432. (1) A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), A
- 4 general nonpartisan primary election shall be held in every
- 5 county of this state on the Tuesday succeeding AFTER the first
- 6 Monday in August preceding BEFORE every general November elec-
- 7 tion at which judges of probate are to be elected -, at which
- 8 time FOR the qualified and registered electors may TO vote for
- 9 nonpartisan candidates for the office PROBATE COURT judge. of
- 10 probate. If upon the expiration of the time
- 11 (2) IF, AFTER THE DEADLINE for filing petitions or incum-
- 12 bency affidavits of candidacy for the primary election of said
- 13 FOR probate judges in any A county, it shall appear that
- 14 there are not to exceed twice the number of AT LEAST 3 candi-
- 15 dates as there are persons to be elected FOR EACH POSITION
- 16 NUMBER, then the FOLLOWING SHALL OCCUR:
- 17 (A) THE county clerk shall certify to the county board of
- 18 election commissioners the name of such candidate THE CANDI-
- 19 DATES FOR EACH POSITION NUMBER for probate judge whose petitions
- 20 have been properly filed. and such candidate
- 21 (B) THOSE CANDIDATES shall be the nominee NOMINEES for the
- 22 judge of probate and shall be so certified AS THE CANDIDATES
- 23 FOR THAT POSITION NUMBER. As to such office, there
- 24 (C) THERE shall be no primary election and this office THE
- 25 POSITION NUMBER shall be omitted from the judicial primary
- 26 ballot.

- 1 Sec. 433. (1) To obtain the printing of EXCEPT AS
- 2 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 433A, IN ORDER FOR the name of a
- 3 person TO APPEAR as a candidate for nomination for the office of
- 4 judge of probate upon COURT JUDGE ON the official nonpartisan
- 5 primary ballots, there BALLOT, A NOMINATING PETITION shall be
- 6 filed with the county clerk. of each county nominating petitions
- 7 containing THE NOMINATING PETITION SHALL CONTAIN the signatures,
- 8 addresses, and dates of signing of a number of qualified and reg-
- 9 istered electors residing in the county, equal to not less than
- 10 1% or more than 2% of the total number of votes cast in that
- 11 county for secretary of state at the last general November elec-
- 12 tion in which a secretary of state was elected. or by the filing
- 13 of an affidavit according to section 433a. The county clerk
- 14 shall receive nominating petitions up to THE NOMINATING PETITION
- 15 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. on the
- 16 twelfth Tuesday preceding BEFORE the August primary. The pro-
- 17 visions of sections 544a and 544b apply.
- 18 (2) Nominating petitions filed under this section are valid
- 19 only if they clearly indicate for which of the following
- 20 offices THE JUDICIAL OFFICE AND POSITION NUMBER FOR WHICH the
- 21 candidate is filing, consistent with section 435a(2). EACH JUDI-
- 22 CIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DESIGNATED WITH A POSITION NUMBER. ONCE A
- 23 POSITION NUMBER IS DESIGNATED FOR A JUDICIAL OFFICE, THAT JUDI-
- 24 CIAL OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN THE SAME POSITION NUMBER DESIGNATION
- 25 REGARDLESS OF A CHANGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDING THE JUDICIAL
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- 2 DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:
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- 4 bent judge is seeking election.
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- 23 <del>judgeship</del> POSITION NUMBER shall have not more than 3 days fol-
- 24 lowing the close of filing to withdraw from all but 1 filing.
- 25 Sec. 433a. Any AN incumbent probate court judge may
- 26 become a candidate in the primary election for the office AND
- 27 POSITION NUMBER of which he OR SHE is an incumbent by filing with

- 1 the county clerk, or in case of a probate district with the
- 2 secretary of state, an affidavit of candidacy not less than 120
- 3 days prior to BEFORE the date of the primary election. The
- 4 affidavit of candidacy shall contain statements that the affiant
- 5 is an incumbent probate court judge of the county or district of
- 6 which election is sought, that he OR SHE is domiciled within the
- 7 county or district, AND that he OR SHE will not attain the age of
- 8 70 years by the date of election, and a declaration that he OR
- 9 SHE is a candidate for election to the office AND SPECIFIED POSI-
- 10 TION NUMBER of probate court judge.
- 11 Sec. 435. (1) The 2 candidates for the office of judge of
- 12 probate A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR PROBATE COURT JUDGE
- 13 receiving the largest number of votes at -any A primary elec-
- 14 tion, to a number equal to twice the number of places to be
- 15 filled as set forth in the report of the board of county
- 16 canvassers, based on the returns from the various election pre-
- 17 cincts or as determined by the board of county canvassers as the
- 18 result of a recount, shall be declared the nominees for the
- 19 office at the next November election. The board of county can-
- 20 vassers shall certify the nominations to the county election
- 21 commission.
- 22 (2) If, after the deadline for filing nominating petitions
- 23 under section 433, there are fewer LESS THAN 2 candidates for
- 24 nomination or nominees for the office of judge of probate than
- 25 there are persons SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER OF PROBATE COURT
- 26 JUDGE to be elected because of the death or disqualification of a
- 27 candidate more than 65 days before the general November election,

- 1 then a person, whether or not an incumbent, may qualify as a
- 2 nominee for that office POSITION NUMBER at the general November
- 3 election by filing nominating petitions with the county clerk or,
- 4 in case of a probate district, with the secretary of state in
- 5 the manner AS required by section 433. However, the filing
- 6 shall be made before 4 p.m. on the twenty-first day following the
- 7 death or disqualification of the candidate or 4 p.m. on the six-
- 8 tieth day preceding BEFORE the general November election,
- 9 whichever is earlier, and the minimum number of signatures
- 10 required is 1,000 or 1/2 the minimum number required under sec-
- 11 tion 433, whichever is less.
- 12 (3) The county clerk or, in case of a probate district, the
- 13 secretary of state shall certify the nomination of each person
- 14 who qualifies as a nominee under subsection (2) to the board of
- 15 election commissioners specified by section 687 for the general
- 16 November election.
- 17 Sec. 435a.  $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$  In the primary and general election for 2
- 18 or more probate judgeships, each of the following categories of
- 19 candidates JUDICIAL OFFICES, EACH JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DES-
- 20 IGNATED WITH A POSITION NUMBER AND THE POSITION NUMBER ALONG WITH
- 21 THE CANDIDATES' NAMES FOR THE SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER shall be
- 22 listed separately on the ballot. -, consistent with
- 23 subsection (2): IN THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION FOR A JUDGE
- 24 OF PROBATE, AN INCUMBENT JUDGE WHO IS A CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE
- 25 PRINTED UPON THE BALLOT UNDER THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE THE DES-
- 26 IGNATION OF THAT OFFICE.

- 1 (a) The names of candidates for the judgeship or judgeships
- 2 for which the incumbent is seeking election.
- 3 (b) The names of candidates for an existing judgeship or
- 4 judgeships for which the incumbent is not seeking election.
- 5 (c) The names of candidates for a newly created judgeship or
- 6 judgeships.
- 7 (2) If the death or disqualification of an incumbent judge
- 8 triggers the application of section 435(2), then for the purposes
- 9 of subsection (1) and section 433(2), that judgeship shall be
- 10 regarded as a judgeship for which the incumbent judge is not
- 11 seeking election. The application of this subsection includes,
- 12 but is not limited to, circumstances in which the governor
- 13 appoints an individual to fill the vacancy and that individual
- 14 seeks to qualify as a nominee under section 435(2).
- 15 (3) In the primary or general election for a judge of pro-
- 16 bate, any incumbent judge who is a candidate shall have printed
- 17 upon the ballot under the name of the candidate the designation
- 18 of that office.
- **19** Sec. 436. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
- 20 a judge or judges of probate shall be elected in each probate
- 21 court district created pursuant to law and each county at the
- 22 general November election in which judges of probate are to be
- 23 elected. as provided by law. Each probate court district
- 24 created pursuant to law and each county shall have that number
- 25 of judges of probate as provided by law.
- 26 (2) If there are fewer nominees for the office of judge of
- 27 probate than there are persons to be elected IS NOT AT LEAST 1

- 1 NOMINEE FOR A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR PROBATE COURT JUDGE
- 2 because of the death or disqualification of a nominee less than
- 3 66 days before the general November election, then a person shall
- 4 not be elected at that general November election to any office
- 5 of FOR THE SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR PROBATE COURT judge.
- 6 of probate for which there is no nominee.
- 7 Sec. 437. The board of county canvassers shall determine
- 8 which candidate or candidates for the office of judge of
- 9 probate FOR A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR PROBATE COURT JUDGE
- 10 received the greatest number of votes and shall declare such
- 11 THAT candidate or candidates duly elected. The said board
- 12 shall forthwith IMMEDIATELY make and subscribe on its statement
- 13 of returns a certificate of such THE determination and deliver
- 14 the same IT to the county clerk. AN ELECTION RESULT CERTIFICA-
- 15 TION SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED, THE JUDI-
- 16 CIAL OFFICE, AND THE POSITION NUMBER.
- 17 Sec. 467a. (1) Except as provided in section 467n
- 18 SUBSECTION (2), a general nonpartisan primary election shall be
- 19 held in every district and election division of this state on the
- 20 Tuesday succeeding AFTER the first Monday in August prior to
- 21 BEFORE the general election at which judges of the district court
- 22 are elected -, at which time FOR the qualified and registered
- 23 electors may TO vote for nonpartisan candidates for DISTRICT
- 24 COURT judge. of the district court. If upon the expiration of
- 25 the time
- 26 (2) IF, AFTER THE DEADLINE for filing petitions of candidacy
- 27 for the primary election of the judge of the district court in

- 1 any A district or election division, it appears that there are
- 2 not to exceed twice the number of candidates as there are persons
- 3 to be elected THERE ARE NOT AT LEAST 3 CANDIDATES FOR EACH POSI-
- 4 TION NUMBER, the FOLLOWING SHALL OCCUR:
- 5 (A) THE secretary of state shall certify to the county board
- 6 of election commissioners the -name NAMES of those candidates
- 7 for EACH POSITION NUMBER FOR district court judge whose petitions
- 8 or affidavits of candidacy have been properly filed. and those
- 9 (B) THOSE candidates shall be the nominees for the
- 10 DISTRICT COURT judge of the district court FOR THAT POSITION
- 11 NUMBER and shall be so certified AS THE CANDIDATES FOR THAT
- 12 POSITION NUMBER. As to that office, there
- 13 (C) THERE shall not be a primary election and this office
- 14 THE POSITION NUMBER shall be omitted from the judicial primary
- 15 ballot.
- 16 Sec. 467b. (1) To obtain the printing of EXCEPT AS OTHER-
- 17 WISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 467C, IN ORDER FOR the name of a person
- 18 TO APPEAR as a candidate for nomination for the office of judge
- 19 of the district court -upon JUDGE ON the official nonpartisan
- 20 primary ballots, there BALLOT, A NOMINATING PETITION shall be
- 21 filed with the secretary of state. THE nominating petitions
- 22 containing PETITION SHALL CONTAIN the signatures, addresses, and
- 23 dates of signing of a number of qualified and registered electors
- 24 residing in the judicial district or division, equal to not less
- 25 than 1/2 of 1% or more than 2% of the total number of votes cast
- 26 in that judicial district or division for secretary of state at
- 27 the last general November election in which a secretary of state

- 1 was elected. An incumbent district court judge may also become
- 2 a candidate by the filing of an affidavit in lieu of petitions
- 3 according to section 467c. The secretary of state shall
- 4 receive nominating petitions up to SHALL BE FILED WITH THE
- 5 SECRETARY OF STATE NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. on the twelfth Tuesday
- 6 preceding BEFORE the primary. The provisions of sections 544a
- 7 and 544b apply.
- **8** (2) Nominating petitions filed under this section are valid
- 9 only if they clearly indicate for which of the following
- 10 offices THE JUDICIAL OFFICE AND POSITION NUMBER FOR WHICH the
- 11 candidate is filing. -, consistent with section 467c(4): EACH
- 12 JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DESIGNATED WITH A POSITION NUMBER. ONCE
- 13 A POSITION NUMBER IS DESIGNATED FOR A JUDICIAL OFFICE, THAT JUDI-
- 14 CIAL OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN THE SAME POSITION NUMBER DESIGNATION
- 15 REGARDLESS OF A CHANGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDING THE JUDICIAL
- 16 OFFICE. THE POSITION NUMBER IS DESIGNATED WHETHER OR NOT THERE
- 17 IS AN INCUMBENT IN THE JUDICIAL OFFICE SEEKING ELECTION AND IS
- 18 DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:
- 19 (a) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
- 20 bent judge is seeking election.
- 21 (b) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
- 22 bent judge is not seeking election.
- (c) A new judgeship.
- 24 (A) BEGINNING WITH ELECTIONS AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, THE
- 25 FIRST JUDICIAL OFFICE SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION IS DES-
- 26 IGNATED POSITION NUMBER 1, THE NEXT IS DESIGNATED POSITION NUMBER

- 1 2, AND THE REMAINING JUDICIAL OFFICES SHALL BE DESIGNATED IN THE
- 2 SAME MANNER.
- 3 (B) IF MORE THAN 1 JUDICIAL OFFICE IS SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED
- 4 AT THE SAME ELECTION, THE OFFICE HELD BY THE JUDGE WITH THE LARG-
- 5 EST NUMBER OF YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IS DESIGNATED WITH THE
- 6 LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.
- 7 (C) IF 2 OR MORE JUDICIAL OFFICES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE FILLED
- 8 AT THE SAME ELECTION AND THE INCUMBENTS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF
- 9 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE, THE OFFICE HELD BY THE JUDGE WITH
- 10 THE LAST NAME WITH THE LOWEST ALPHABETICAL LETTER SHALL BE DESIG-
- 11 NATED WITH THE LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.
- 12 (3) A person who files for election to more than 1 district
- 13 judgeship POSITION NUMBER shall have not more than 3 days fol-
- 14 lowing the close of filing to withdraw from all but 1 filing.
- 15 Sec. 467c. (1) An incumbent district court judge may become
- 16 a candidate in the primary election for the office AND POSITION
- 17 NUMBER of which he or she is an incumbent by filing with the sec-
- 18 retary of state an affidavit of candidacy in lieu INSTEAD of
- 19 nominating petitions not less than 120 days prior to BEFORE the
- 20 date of the primary election. The affidavit of candidacy shall
- 21 contain statements that the affiant is an incumbent district
- 22 court judge for the district or election division in which elec-
- 23 tion is sought, that he or she is domiciled within the district
- 24 or election division, and that he or she will not attain the age
- 25 of 70 by the date of election, and a declaration that the affiant
- 26 is a candidate for election to the office AND SPECIFIED POSITION
- 27 NUMBER of district court judge.

- 1 (2) There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name
- 2 of each incumbent district judge who is a candidate for nomina-
- 3 tion or election to the same office the designation of that
- 4 office.
- 5 (2)  $\overline{(3)}$  In the primary and general election for 2 or more
- 6 judgeships of the district court JUDICIAL OFFICES, each of the
- 7 following categories of candidates JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DES-
- 8 IGNATED WITH A POSITION NUMBER AND THE POSITION NUMBER ALONG WITH
- 9 THE CANDIDATES' NAMES FOR THE SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER shall be
- 10 listed separately on the ballot. -, consistent with subsection
- 11 (4): IN THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION FOR A DISTRICT COURT
- 12 JUDGE, AN INCUMBENT JUDGE WHO IS A CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE PRINTED
- 13 UPON THE BALLOT UNDER THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE THE DESIGNATION
- 14 OF THAT OFFICE.
- (a) The names of candidates for the judgeship or judgeships
- 16 for which the incumbent is seeking election.
- 17 (b) The names of candidates for an existing judgeship or
- 18 judgeships for which the incumbent is not seeking election.
- 19 (c) The names of candidates for a newly created judgeship or
- 20 <del>judgeships.</del>
- 21 (4) If the death or disqualification of an incumbent judge
- 22 triggers the application of section 467e(2), then for the pur-
- 23 poses of subsection (3) and section 467b(2), that judgeship shall
- 24 be regarded as a judgeship for which the incumbent judge is not
- 25 seeking election. The application of this subsection includes,
- 26 but is not limited to, circumstances in which the governor

- 1 appoints an individual to fill the vacancy and that individual
- 2 seeks to qualify as a nominee under section 467e(2).
- 3 Sec. 467e. (1) The 2 candidates for the office of judge of
- 4 the district court A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR DISTRICT
- 5 COURT JUDGE receiving the largest number of votes at any A pri-
- 6 mary election, to a number equal to twice the number of persons
- 7 to be elected as set forth in the report of the board of state
- 8 canvassers, based on the returns from the various county boards
- 9 of canvassers and election precincts or as determined by the
- 10 board as the result of a recount, shall be declared the nominees
- 11 for the office at the next general November election. The board
- 12 of state canvassers shall certify the nomination to the county
- 13 election commissions.
- 14 (2) If, after the deadline for filing nominating petitions
- 15 under section 467b, there are fewer candidates for nomination or
- 16 nominees for the office of judge of the district court than there
- 17 are persons to be elected LESS THAN 2 CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECI-
- 18 FIED POSITION NUMBER FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE because of the
- 19 death or disqualification of a candidate more than 65 days before
- 20 the general November election, then a person, whether or not an
- 21 incumbent, may qualify as a nominee for that office POSITION
- 22 NUMBER at the general November election by filing nominating
- 23 petitions as required by section 467b. However, the filing shall
- 24 be made before 4 p.m. on the twenty-first day following the death
- 25 or disqualification of the candidate or 4 p.m. on the sixtieth
- 26 day preceding BEFORE the general November election, whichever
- 27 is earlier, and the minimum number of signatures required is

- 1 1,000 or 1/2 the minimum number required under section 467b,
- 2 whichever is less.
- 3 (3) The secretary of state shall certify the nomination of
- 4 each person who qualifies as a nominee under subsection (2) to
- 5 the board of election commissioners specified by section 687 for
- 6 the general November election.
- 7 Sec. 467f. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this sec-
- 8 tion, judges of the district court shall be elected in each judi-
- 9 cial district and election division of a judicial district at the
- 10 general election to fill vacancies in office as of the following
- **11** January 1.
- 12 (2) If there are fewer nominees for the office of judge of
- 13 the district court than there are persons IS NOT AT LEAST 1 CAN-
- 14 DIDATE FOR A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
- 15 to be elected because of the death or disqualification of a nomi-
- 16 nee less than 66 days before the general November election, then
- 17 a person shall not be elected at that general November election
- 18 to any office of judge of the district court for which there is
- 19 no nominee FOR THE SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT
- 20 JUDGE.
- 21 Sec. 467g. The board of state canvassers shall determine
- 22 which candidate or candidates for the office of judge of the
- 23 district court FOR A SPECIFIED POSITION NUMBER FOR DISTRICT
- 24 COURT JUDGE received the greatest number of votes and shall
- 25 declare such THAT candidate or candidates duly elected. The
- 26 board shall forthwith IMMEDIATELY make and subscribe on its
- 27 statement of returns a certificate of such THE determination

- 1 and deliver it to the secretary of state. AN ELECTION RESULT
- 2 CERTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTED,
- 3 THE JUDICIAL OFFICE, AND THE POSITION NUMBER.
- Enacting section 1. Sections 325, 416a to 416d, 426a to
- **5** 426n, 467n, and 467p of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116,
- 6 MCL 168.325, 168.416a to 168.416d, 168.426a to 168.426n,
- 7 168.467n, and 168.467p, are repealed.