## HOUSE BILL No. 5218

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 467 a as amended by 1981 PA 4; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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 $T O$ 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

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(2) IF, AFTER THE DEADLINE for filing petitions for the pri11 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 can18 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 cer23 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 boallots, 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. F 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 DESIG21 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 Judicial office of 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 Judgeships JUDICIAL OFFICES of the court of appeals in a 20 judicial district, each of the following categories of

21 eardidates 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.

2 for which the incumbent is seeking election.
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(b) The names of candidates for the judgeship or judgeships

4 for which the incumbent is not seeking election.
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(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 $409 \mathrm{~d}(2)$, then for the pur-
9 poses of subsections (2) and (5), Lhat 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.

27 under section 409b, there are fewer LESS THAN 2 candidates for

1 nomination or nominees for the office 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 409 b. 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
131,000 or $1 / 2$ the minimum number required under section 409 b ,
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 sec20 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.

20 Sec. 412. (1) 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 eircuit court. If, upon the expiration of the time

1 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 mame of such carrdidate NAMES OF

10 THE CANDIDATES FOR EACH POSITION NUMBER for circuit court judge 11 whose petitions or affidavits have been properly filed. F and

12 such candidate
13 (B) THOSE CANDIDATES shall be the nominee 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 Tf 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 544 and $544 b$ 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
14120 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 cir21 cuit court judge.

22 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 nomi5 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

1265 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 $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on the twenty-first day
17 following the death or disqualification of the candidate or 4
18 p.m. on the sixtieth day preceding BEFORE the general November
19 election, whichever is earlier, and the minimum number of signa20 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 eourt 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.
22 Sec. 424a. (1) In the primary and general election for 2
23 or more judgeships of the circuit court, each of the following
24 eategories 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.
(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 nomi20 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 LARG11 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 DESIG17 NATED WITH THE LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.

18 (2) IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION FOR 2 OR MORE JUDI19 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 ELEC23 TION FOR A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AN INCUMBENT JUDGE WHO IS A CAN24 DIDATE SHALL HAVE PRINTED UPON THE BALLOT UNDER THE NAME OF THE 25 CANDIDATE THE DESIGNATION OF THAT OFFICE. 26
(3) (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 elec7 tion at which judges of probate are to be elected , at which 8 time FOR the qualified and registered electors may $T O$ 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 CANDI19 DATES FOR EACH POSITION NUMBER for probate judge whose petitions 20 have been properly filed. and such candidate

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(B) THOSE CANDIDATES shall be the Trominee 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 $T O$ APPEAR as a candidate for nomination for the office of 4 judge of probate upon COURT JUDGE ON the official nonpartisan 5 primary bollots, 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 reg9 istered electors residing in the county, equal to not less than $101 \%$ or more than $2 \%$ of the total number of votes cast in that 11 county for secretary of state at the last general November elec12 tion in which a secretary of state was elected. or loy 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 pro17 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
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 DESIG21 NATED WITH THE LOWEST POSITION NUMBER.

22 (3) A person who files for election to more than 1 probate 23 Judgeship POSITION NUMBER shall have not more than 3 days fol24 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 870 years by the date of election, and a declaration that he OR 9 SHE is a candidate for election to the office AND SPECIFIED POSI10 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 can20 vassers shall certify the nominations to the county election

21 commission.

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(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 sec11 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. (1) In the primary and general election for 2 18 or more probate judgeships, each of the following categories of 19 eandidates JUDICIAL OFFICES, EACH JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL BE DES20 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 DES26 IGNATION OF THAT OFFICE.

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4 judgeships for which the incumbent is not seeking election.

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6 judgeships.
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8 triggers the application of section $435(2)$, then for the purposes
9 of subsection (1) arrd 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.
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(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
366 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. Tf the district court. If upon the expiration of 25 the time
(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 POSI4 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 467 c . 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 544 a
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 incum20 bent judge is seeking election.

21 (b) An unspecified existing judgeship for which the incum-
22 bent judge is not seeking election.
23 (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 LARG5 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 DESIG11 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.
(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) (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 DES8 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.
15 (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 judgeships.
$21(4)$ If the death or disqualification of an incumbent judge
22 triggers the application of section $467 e(2)$, then for the pur-
23 poses of subsection (3) and section $4670(2)$, 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 $467 e(2)$.
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 eanvassers, 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

11,000 or $1 / 2$ the minimum number required under section 467 b , 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 sec8 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.

4 Enacting section 1. Sections 325, 416a to 416d, 426a to $5426 n, 467 n$, and 467 p of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, 6 MCL 168.325, 168.416a to 168.416d, 168.426a to 168.426n, $7168.467 n$, and 168.467 p, are repealed.

