

# HOUSE BILL No. 5852

March 14, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Ward and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 634a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 634A. (1) IF THE GOVERNOR CALLS A SPECIAL ELECTION UNDER  
2 SECTION 178 OR 634 TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR  
3 OR REPRESENTATIVE AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD ON 1 OF THE  
4 REGULAR ELECTION DATES PROVIDED IN SECTION 641(1)(A) THROUGH (D),  
5 THIS STATE SHALL REIMBURSE EACH COUNTY, CITY, AND TOWNSHIP IN THAT  
6 STATE SENATORIAL OR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT FOR THE COST OF  
7 CONDUCTING THE SPECIAL ELECTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE  
8 REIMBURSEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE VERIFIED ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL COSTS

1 OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

2 (2) PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE UPON PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF A  
3 VERIFIED ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL COSTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,  
4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT DIVISION, AFTER THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
5 AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AGREE AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES VALID COSTS  
6 OF CONDUCTING AN ELECTION. REIMBURSABLE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE  
7 SALARIES OF PERMANENT LOCAL OFFICIALS, THE COST OF REUSABLE  
8 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, OR COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOCAL SPECIAL  
9 ELECTIONS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE  
10 VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE.

11 (3) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF  
12 THIS STATE AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

13 (4) TO QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT, A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP  
14 SHALL SUBMIT ITS VERIFIED ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL COSTS BEFORE THE  
15 EXPIRATION OF 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO  
16 FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE.  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SHALL PAY OR DISAPPROVE ALL OR A PORTION  
18 OF THE VERIFIED ACCOUNT BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF 90 DAYS AFTER THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY RECEIVES A VERIFIED ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL COSTS  
20 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

21 (5) IF THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY DISAPPROVES ALL OR A PORTION  
22 OF A VERIFIED ACCOUNT OF ACTUAL COSTS UNDER SUBSECTION (4), THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SHALL SEND A NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL ALONG  
24 WITH THE REASONS FOR THE DISAPPROVAL TO THE COUNTY, CITY, OR  
25 TOWNSHIP. UPON REQUEST OF A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP WHOSE  
26 VERIFIED ACCOUNT OR PORTION OF A VERIFIED ACCOUNT WAS DISAPPROVED  
27 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SHALL REVIEW THE

1 DISAPPROVED COSTS WITH THE COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP.