

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5201**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 853 (MCL 380.853), as amended by 1992 PA 263  
and by adding section 14.

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

1        SEC. 14. A PETITION UNDER SECTIONS 11A, 411A, 412A, 503,  
2 513, 614, 617, 690, 701, 853, 860, 931, 1026, 1032, OR 1066,  
3 INCLUDING THE CIRCULATION AND SIGNING OF THE PETITION, IS SUBJECT  
4 TO SECTION 488 OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, 1954 PA 116, MCL  
5 168.488. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THE MICHIGAN ELEC-  
6 TION LAW, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 TO 168.992, APPLICABLE TO A  
7 PETITION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES  
8 PRESCRIBED FOR THAT VIOLATION IN THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, 1954  
9 PA 116, MCL 168.1 TO 168.992.

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Sec. 853. (1) Within 30 days after the receipt of the approval of the state board to the consolidation, the intermediate superintendent shall have petitions prepared for circulation within the designated school districts. The petitions shall be printed or duplicated.

~~-(2) The first page of a petition shall be in the following~~  
form:

~~Official Petition No. .... consisting of ..... pages.~~

~~Expiration date .....~~

(Signed) .....

~~Intermediate Superintendent of Intermediate~~

~~School District.....~~

..... Michigan.

~~To the Intermediate Superintendent of Intermediate School District~~

..... Michigan.

~~We, the undersigned, registered electors of~~

\_\_\_\_\_residing in \_\_\_\_\_

~~(name of school district) (township or city)~~

~~hereby petition that you cause the question of consolidating  
the following school districts to be submitted to the school  
electors of these districts:~~

~~Names of school districts to be consolidated to be listed here~~

~~Signatures of Petitioners~~

Name	Address	Date of Signing
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~~(3) Each additional page of the petition shall have the following at or near the top of the page:~~

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~~Official Petition~~

~~No. .... Page No. ....~~

~~Expiration date of Petition .....~~

~~Signature of Intermediate Superintendent .....~~

~~(4) Each page shall have printed or duplicated the following  
statement below the space for signature for petitioners:~~

~~The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she is a regis-  
tered elector of .....~~

~~(name of school district)~~

~~and that each signature appearing on this page is the genuine signa-  
ture of the person signing the same and that to the undersigned's  
best knowledge and belief each person was at the time of signing a  
registered elector of the school district.~~

~~(name of school district)~~

~~Dated this ..... day of ..... 19...~~

~~(5) Each petition shall be signed by the intermediate super-  
intendent as indicated in the foregoing form before being issued  
to a person for circulation.~~

~~(2) A PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY IN  
THE FORM PRESCRIBED FOR OTHER PETITIONS UNDER THIS ACT AND IS  
SUBJECT TO SECTION 14.~~

~~(3) -(6)- Official petitions shall be given by the  
intermediate superintendent to a school elector of the district~~

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1 proposed to be consolidated. A petition shall be circulated only  
2 by a school elector of the district. The statement appearing  
3 below the signatures of petitioners shall be dated and signed on  
4 each page before filing the petition with the intermediate  
5 superintendent.

6 (4) ~~-(7)-~~ Official petitions shall be returned to the inter-  
7 mediate superintendent before the expiration date stated on the  
8 petition that is the sixtieth day after the receipt by the inter-  
9 mediate superintendent of the last certification by a city or  
10 township clerk as to the number of registered general electors  
11 residing in each of the affected school districts. The expira-  
12 tion date shall be not later than 180 days after the date of  
13 approval by the state board.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
15 effect unless House Bill No. 5138 of the 89th Legislature is  
16 enacted into law.