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HOUSE BILL No. 5180

December 8, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Switalski, Julian and Woodward and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 51, 71, 91, 131, 161, 191, 281, 327, 342,
383, 391, 409, 411, 431, and 467 (MCL 168.51, 168.71, 168.91,
168.131, 168.161, 168.191, 168.281, 168.327, 168.342, 168.383,
168.391, 168.409, 168.411, 168.431, and 168.467), as amended by

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 51. A person — shall—IS not — be— eligible to — the

2 office of—BE governor or lieutenant governor unless the person

3 — has attained the age of—IS 30 years OF AGE OR OLDER and has

4 been a registered and qualified elector in this state for 4 years

5 — next— IMMEDIATELY preceding his or her election, as provided in

6 section 22 of article—5—V of the state constitution of 1963. A

7 person who has been convicted of a violation of section 12a(1) of

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- 1 Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being section 38.412a
- 2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412A,
- 3 IS not be eligible to the office of BE governor or lieutenant
- 4 governor for a period of 20 years after the conviction. A
- 5 PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS
- 6 STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE GOVERNOR OR LIEUTEN-
- 7 ANT GOVERNOR FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 8 Sec. 71. A person shall IS not be eliqible to the
- 9 offices of BE secretary of state or attorney general if the
- 10 person is not a qualified elector of this state. A person who
- 11 has been convicted of a violation of section 12a(1) of Act
- 12 No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being section 38.412a of the
- 13 Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not
- 14 be eligible to the offices of BE secretary of state or attor-
- 15 ney general for a period of 20 years after THE conviction. A
- 16 PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS
- 17 STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE
- 18 OR ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 19 Sec. 91. A person shall— IS not ELIGIBLE TO be a United
- 20 States senator unless the person has attained the age of IS 30
- 21 years and OF AGE OR OLDER, has been a citizen of the United
- 22 States for NOT LESS THAN 9 years, and is, when elected, an
- 23 inhabitant A RESIDENT of that THIS state, for which he or she
- 24 shall be chosen as provided in section 3 of article -1 I of the
- 25 United States constitution. A person who has been convicted of a
- 26 violation of section 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of
- 27 1941, being section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall

- 1 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible to the office of
- 2 BE A United States senator for a period of 20 years after THE
- 3 conviction. A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER
- 4 THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A
- 5 UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 6 Sec. 131. A person shall IS not ELIGIBLE TO be a UNITED
- 7 STATES representative unless the person has attained the age of
- 8 IS 25 years -and OF AGE OR OLDER, HAS been a citizen of the
- 9 United States for NOT LESS THAN 7 years, and is, when elected,
- 10 an inhabitant A RESIDENT of that THIS state, in which he or
- 11 she shall be chosen, as provided in section 2 of article 1 I
- 12 of the United States constitution. A person who has been con-
- 13 victed of a violation of section 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the
- 14 Public Acts of 1941, being section 38.412a of the Michigan
- 15 Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eli-
- 16 gible to the office of BE A UNITED STATES representative in
- 17 congress for a period of 20 years after THE conviction. A
- 18 PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS
- 19 STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A UNITED STATES REP-
- 20 RESENTATIVE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 21 Sec. 161. A person shall IS not be eligible to the
- 22 office of BE A state senator or representative unless the person
- 23 is a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector of the
- 24 district he or she represents, as provided in section 7 of arti-
- 25 cle $\frac{4}{}$ IV of the state constitution of 1963. A person who has
- 26 been convicted of a violation of section 12a(1) of Act No. 370
- 27 of the Public Acts of 1941, being section 38.412a of the Michigan

- 1 Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be
- 2 eligible to the office of BE A state senator or representative
- 3 for a period of 20 years after THE conviction. A PERSON WHO
- 4 HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR
- 5 ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A STATE SENATOR OR REPRESEN-
- 6 TATIVE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 7 Sec. 191. A person shall IS not be eligible to the
- 8 office of BE A county clerk, county treasurer, register of
- 9 deeds, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, drain commissioner, survey-
- 10 or, or coroner if the person is not a qualified elector of the
- 11 county in which THE election is sought HELD. A person who has
- 12 been convicted of a violation of section 12a(1) of Act No. 370
- 13 of the Public Acts of 1941, being section 38.412a of the Michigan
- 14 Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eli-
- 15 gible to any of the offices enumerated in this section HOLD AN
- 16 OFFICE LISTED ABOVE for a period of 20 years after THE
- 17 conviction. A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER
- 18 THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO HOLD
- 19 AN OFFICE LISTED ABOVE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 20 Sec. 281. A person shall IS not be eligible to member-
- 21 ship on the state board of education, the board of regents of the
- 22 university of Michigan, the board of trustees of Michigan state
- 23 university, or the board of governors of Wayne state university
- 24 if the person is not a registered and qualified elector of this
- 25 state. A person who has been convicted of a violation of section
- **26** 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being section
- 27 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA 370, MCL

- 1 38.412A, IS not be eligible to membership on any of the boards
- 2 enumerated in this section LISTED ABOVE for a period of 20
- 3 years after THE conviction. A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A
- 4 FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELI-
- 5 GIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON ANY OF THE BOARDS LISTED ABOVE FOR 20
- 6 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 7 Sec. 327. (1) The governor shall remove $\frac{1}{2}$ A city
- 8 -officers OFFICER chosen by the electors of a city, or -any A
- 9 ward or voting district of a city -, when IF the governor -is
- 10 satisfied from FINDS, BASED ON sufficient evidence submitted to
- 11 the governor, that the officer has been IS guilty of official
- 12 misconduct, wilful WILLFUL neglect of duty, extortion, or
- 13 habitual drunkenness, or has been convicted of being drunk, or
- 14 whenever it appears by UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 15 (A) SECTION 625(1), (3), OR (8) OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE
- 16 CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.625.
- 17 (B) SECTION 185(1), (2), OR (3) OF THE AERONAUTICS CODE OF
- 18 THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.185.
- 19 (C) SECTION 80176(1) OR (3), SECTION 81134(1) OR (2), SEC-
- 20 TION 81135, OR SECTION 82127(1) OR (3) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
- 21 AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80176,
- 22 324.81134, 324.81135, AND 324.82127.
- 23 (D) SECTION 353(1) OR (2) OR SECTION 355 OF THE RAILROAD
- 24 CODE OF 1993, 1993 PA 354, MCL 462.353 AND 462.355.
- 25 (E) SECTION 167(1)(E) OF THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE, 1931 PA
- 26 328, MCL 750.167.

- 1 (F) A SIMILAR OFFENSE UNDER ANOTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, THE
- 2 LAW OF ANOTHER STATE, OR A LOCAL ORDINANCE SUBSTANTIALLY
- 3 CORRESPONDING TO STATE LAW.
- 4 THE GOVERNOR SHALL REMOVE A CITY OFFICER DESCRIBED IN THIS SEC-
- 5 TION IF a certified copy of the judgment of a court of record of
- 6 this state SHOWS that a city officer, after the officer's elec-
- 7 tion or appointment, has been IS convicted of a felony.
- 8 (2) The governor shall not take action upon any charges A
- 9 CHARGE made to the governor against a city officer until the
- 10 charges have been exhibited CHARGE IS SUBMITTED to the governor
- 11 in writing, verified by the affidavit WITH THE SWORN STATEMENT
- 12 of the party making them, that THE CHARGE STATING he or she
- 13 believes the charges CHARGE to be true. But a A city officer
- 14 shall not be removed for misconduct or neglect until -charges-
- 15 THE CHARGE of misconduct or neglect have been exhibited IS
- 16 SUBMITTED to the governor as provided in this section, and a
- 17 copy of the charges CHARGE IS served on the officer, and THE
- 18 OFFICER IS GIVEN an opportunity given the officer of being TO
- 19 BE heard in his or her defense. The service of the charges upon
- 20 the officer complained against REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION shall be
- 21 made by personal service to the officer of AND SHALL INCLUDE a
- 22 copy of the charges, together with all affidavits or exhibits
- 23 which may be CHARGE AND EACH SWORN STATEMENT AND EXHIBIT
- 24 attached to the original petition, if the officer can be found.
- 25 ; and if not, IF THE OFFICER CANNOT BE FOUND, SERVICE MAY BE
- 26 MADE by leaving a copy at the last known place of residence of
- 27 the officer —, with a person of suitable age, if a person of

- 1 suitable age can be found, and if not, by posting the copy of
- 2 the charges CHARGE in a conspicuous place at the officer's last
- 3 known place of residence.
- 4 (3) An officer who has been removed from office pursuant
- 5 to UNDER this section shall IS not be eligible for election
- 6 or appointment to any office for -a period of 3 years -from-
- 7 AFTER the date of the removal.
- 8 (4) A person who has been convicted of a violation of sec-
- 9 tion 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 10 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 11 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or appoint-
- 12 ment to an elective or appointive city office for a period of
- 13 20 years after THE conviction.
- 14 (5) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 15 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION
- 16 OR APPOINTMENT TO AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED CITY OFFICE FOR 20
- 17 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 18 Sec. 342. A person shall IS not be eligible to HOLD a
- 19 township office unless the person is a qualified elector of the
- 20 township in which THE election is sought HELD. A person
- 21 shall IS not be eligible for membership on the board of
- 22 review unless, in addition to the qualifications for eligibility
- 23 to a township office, the person is a landowner and taxpayer in
- 24 the township. A person who has been convicted of a violation of
- 25 section 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 26 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 27 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or

- 1 appointment to an elective or appointive township office for $\frac{1}{2}$
- 2 period of 20 years after THE conviction. A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN
- 3 CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER
- 4 STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO AN ELECTED
- 5 OR APPOINTED TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- **6** Sec. 383. (1) The governor shall remove all A village
- 7 officers OFFICER chosen by the electors of a village when IF
- 8 the governor -is satisfied from FINDS, BASED ON sufficient evi-
- 9 dence submitted to the governor, that the officer has been IS
- 10 guilty of official misconduct, wilful WILLFUL neglect of duty,
- 11 OR extortion, or habitual drunkenness, or has been convicted
- 12 of being drunk, or whenever it appears by UNDER ANY OF THE
- 13 FOLLOWING:
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- 2 LAW OF ANOTHER STATE, OR A LOCAL ORDINANCE SUBSTANTIALLY
- 3 CORRESPONDING TO STATE LAW.
- 4 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL REMOVE AN OFFICER DESCRIBED IN SUB-
- 5 SECTION (1) IF a certified copy of the judgment of a court of
- 6 record of this state SHOWS that a village officer, after the
- 7 officer's election or appointment, has been convicted of a
- 8 felony.
- 9 (3) The governor shall not take action upon any charges A
- 10 CHARGE made to the governor against a village officer until the
- 11 charges have been exhibited CHARGE IS SUBMITTED to the governor
- 12 in writing, verified by the affidavit WITH THE SWORN STATEMENT
- 13 of the party making them, THE CHARGE, STATING that the party
- 14 believes the -charges CHARGE to be true. A village officer
- 15 shall not be removed for misconduct or neglect until -charges-
- 16 THE CHARGE of misconduct or neglect have been exhibited IS
- 17 SUBMITTED to the governor as provided in this section, and a
- 18 copy of the -charges CHARGE IS served on the officer, and THE
- 19 OFFICER IS GIVEN an opportunity given the officer of being TO
- 20 BE heard in his or her defense. The service of the charges upon
- 21 the person or persons complained against REQUIRED IN THIS
- 22 SECTION shall be made by personal service to the officer of AND
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- 24 vits or exhibits which may be CHARGE AND EACH SWORN STATEMENT
- 25 AND EXHIBIT attached to the original petition, if the officer can
- 26 be found. -; and if not, IF THE OFFICER CANNOT BE FOUND, SERVICE
- 27 MAY BE MADE by leaving a copy of the -charges CHARGE at the last

- 1 known place of residence of the officer, with a person of
- 2 suitable age, if a person of suitable age can be found, -; and
- 3 if not, by posting the copy of the charges CHARGE in a conspic-
- 4 uous place at the officer's last known place of residence.
- 5 (4) An officer who has been removed from office pursuant
- 6 to UNDER this section -shall IS not -be eligible for election
- 7 or appointment to any office for a period of 3 years from
- 8 AFTER the date of the removal from office.
- 9 (5) A person who has been convicted of a violation of sec-
- 10 tion 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 11 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 12 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or appoint-
- 13 ment to an elective or appointive village office for a period
- 14 of 20 years after THE conviction.
- 15 (6) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 16 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A VIL-
- 17 LAGE OFFICER FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 18 Sec. 391. (1) A person —shall— IS not —be— eligible to —the
- 19 office of BE A justice of the supreme court unless the person is
- 20 a qualified elector of this state, is licensed to practice law in
- 21 this state, and, at the time of election or appointment, is less
- 22 than 70 years of age.
- 23 (2) A person who has been convicted of a violation of sec-
- 24 tion 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 25 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 26 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or

- 1 appointment to the office of BE A justice of the supreme court
- 2 for a period of 20 years after THE conviction.
- 3 (3) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 4 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A JUS-
- 5 TICE OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 6 Sec. 409. (1) A person shall IS not be eligible for
- 7 the office of TO BE A judge of the court of appeals unless the
- 8 person is a qualified elector of the appellate court district in
- 9 which THE election is -sought HELD, is licensed to practice law
- 10 in this state, and, at the time of election or appointment, is
- 11 less than 70 years of age.
- 12 (2) A person who has been convicted of a violation of sec-
- 13 tion 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 14 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 15 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or appoint-
- 16 ment to the office of BE A judge of the court of appeals for a
- 17 period of 20 years after THE conviction.
- 18 (3) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 19 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A JUDGE
- 20 OF THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 21 Sec. 411. (1) A person shall IS not be eligible to the
- 22 office of BE A CIRCUIT COURT judge of the circuit court unless
- 23 the person is a qualified elector of the judicial circuit in
- 24 which THE election is sought HELD, as provided in section 11 of
- 25 article -6 VI of the state constitution of 1963, is licensed to
- 26 practice law in this state, and, at the time of election, is less
- 27 than 70 years of age.

- 1 (2) A person who has been convicted of a violation of
- 2 section 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 3 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 4 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or appoint-
- 5 ment to the office of BE A CIRCUIT COURT judge of the circuit
- 6 court for a period of 20 years after THE conviction.
- 7 (3) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 8 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A CIR-
- 9 CUIT COURT JUDGE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.
- 10 Sec. 431. (1) A person shall IS not be eligible to the
- 11 office of BE A PROBATE COURT judge of probate unless the
- 12 person is a qualified elector of the county in which THE election
- 13 is sought HELD, as provided in section 16 of article 6 VI of
- 14 the state constitution of 1963, is licensed to practice law in
- 15 this state, except as provided in section 7 of the schedule and
- 16 temporary provisions of the state constitution of 1963, and, at
- 17 the time of election, is less than 70 years of age.
- 18 (2) A person who has been convicted of a violation of sec-
- 19 tion 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 20 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 21 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or appoint-
- 22 ment to the office of BE A PROBATE COURT judge of probate for
- 23 a period of 20 years after THE conviction.
- 24 (3) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 25 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A PRO-
- 26 BATE COURT JUDGE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.

- 1 Sec. 467. (1) A person shall IS not be eligible for
- 2 the office of TO BE A DISTRICT COURT judge of the district
- 3 court unless the person is a qualified elector of the judicial
- 4 district and election division in which THE election is sought
- 5 HELD, is licensed to practice law in this state, and, at the time
- 6 of election or appointment, is less than 70 years of age.
- 7 (2) A person who has been convicted of a violation of sec-
- 8 tion 12a(1) of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1941, being
- 9 section 38.412a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall 1941 PA
- 10 370, MCL 38.412A, IS not be eligible for election or appoint-
- 11 ment to the office of BE A DISTRICT COURT judge of the dis-
- 12 trict court for a period of 20 years after THE conviction.
- 13 (3) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY UNDER THE
- 14 LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A DIS-
- 15 TRICT COURT JUDGE FOR 20 YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION.

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