



# HOUSE BILL No. 5309

February 8, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Spade, Callahan, Bogardus, Wojno, Woodward, Lockwood, Sheltroun, Rivet, Mans, Lemmons, Bovin, DeRossett, Scranton, Jacobs, Scott, Jellema and Frank and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 659.

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

1 SEC. 659. (1) IF A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE IS  
2 DIVIDED INTO 2 OR MORE ELECTION PRECINCTS AND A CITY, WARD, TOWN-  
3 SHIP, OR VILLAGE ELECTION IS UNCONTESTED BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF  
4 CANDIDATES FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE  
5 TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED, THE ELECTION COMMIS-  
6 SIONERS OF THE CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE MAY, BY RESOLU-  
7 TION, CONSOLIDATE THE CITY'S, WARD'S, TOWNSHIP'S, OR VILLAGE'S  
8 ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THAT ELECTION ONLY.

9 (2) A CONSOLIDATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE NOT  
10 LESS THAN 120 DAYS BEFORE A PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL  
11 ELECTION.

1           (3) IF A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
2 FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IS FILED UNDER SECTION 737A AFTER A RESO-  
3 LUTION HAS BEEN PASSED TO CONSOLIDATE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THAT  
4 ELECTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THAT ELECTION IS CONSIDERED TO BE  
5 AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

6           (4) IF A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CONSOLIDATES ELEC-  
7 TION PRECINCTS UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS  
8 OR OTHER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALS SHALL DO BOTH OF THE  
9 FOLLOWING:

10           (A) PROVIDE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CONSOLIDATED  
11 ELECTION PRECINCTS NOTICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION PRE-  
12 CINCTS FOR THAT ELECTION AND NOTICE OF THE LOCATION OF THE POLL-  
13 ING PLACE FOR THE ELECTION PRECINCT OR PRECINCTS FOR THAT  
14 ELECTION. THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE PRO-  
15 VIDED BY MAIL OR OTHER METHOD DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ACTUAL NOTICE  
16 TO THE AFFECTED REGISTERED ELECTORS.

17           (B) POST A WRITTEN NOTICE AT EACH ELECTION PRECINCT POLLING  
18 PLACE STATING THE LOCATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION PRECINCT  
19 POLLING PLACE FOR THAT ELECTION.