

# SENATE BILL No. 676

September 26, 2001, Introduced by Senator HAMMERSTROM and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 720 (MCL 168.720) and by adding section 720a.

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

1       Sec. 720. (1) On the day of ~~any~~ AN election, the polls  
2 shall ~~be opened~~ OPEN at 7 ~~o'clock in the forenoon,~~ A.M. and  
3 shall be continuously open until 8 ~~o'clock in the afternoon and~~  
4 ~~no longer~~ P.M. ~~Every~~ EACH qualified elector present and in  
5 line at the polls at ~~the hour prescribed for the~~ closing  
6 ~~thereof~~ TIME shall be allowed to vote.

7       (2) IN A JURISDICTION CONDUCTING EARLY VOTING UNDER SECTION  
8 720A, THE CLERK CONDUCTING THE ELECTION SHALL DESIGNATE THE HOURS  
9 THE POLLS WILL OPEN AND CLOSE. BEFORE EARLY VOTING BEGINS, THE  
10 CLERK SHALL POST THE HOURS THAT THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT THE

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1 CLERK'S OFFICE AND AT EACH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE. THE CLERK  
2 SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE LOCATION OF EACH EARLY  
3 VOTING POLLING PLACE AND THE DATES AND HOURS THE EARLY VOTING  
4 POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN. THE NOTICE TO ELECTORS SHALL SUB-  
5 STANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE FORM IN SECTION 653A.

6 SEC. 720A. (1) IF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A CITY, TOWNSHIP,  
7 OR VILLAGE APPROVES EARLY VOTING FOR A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION,  
8 THE CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE MAY PROVIDE EARLY VOTING FOR THAT  
9 GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION.

10 (2) EARLY VOTING SHALL BEGIN 5 DAYS BEFORE A GENERAL  
11 NOVEMBER ELECTION AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE DAY BEFORE THE  
12 ELECTION. EARLY VOTING DAYS SHALL INCLUDE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

13 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL COOPERATE WITH A JURISDIC-  
14 TION CONDUCTING EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
15 A JURISDICTION REQUESTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

16 (4) SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, A JURISDICTION CONDUCTING EARLY  
17 VOTING SHALL FOLLOW THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT REGARDING ALL OF  
18 THE FOLLOWING:

19 (A) SELECTION OF A POLLING PLACE.

20 (B) ELECTION INSPECTORS.

21 (C) CHALLENGES TO VOTERS.

22 (D) POLL BOOK AND POLL LIST.

23 (E) NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND PLACARDS.

24 (F) SECURITY OF A VOTING MACHINE OR OTHER VOTING SYSTEM.

25 (G) BALLOT SECURITY, BALLOT CONTAINERS, BALLOT COUNTING, AND  
26 BALLOT PRESERVATION.

1 (5) A POLL BOOK AND POLL LIST FOR EACH PRECINCT SHALL BE  
2 MAINTAINED FOR EARLY VOTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 735. THE  
3 POLL BOOK SHALL BE DIVIDED BY DATE AND SEPARATE RECORDS MAIN-  
4 TAINED FOR EACH DAY OF EARLY VOTING.

5 (6) EARLY VOTING BALLOTS SHALL BE PROCESSED IN THE SAME  
6 MANNER AS BALLOTS CAST ON ELECTION DAY AND SHALL NOT BE COUNTED  
7 UNTIL THE POLLS CLOSE ON ELECTION DAY.

8 (7) "EARLY VOTING", AS USED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTION 720,  
9 MEANS THE PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION WHEN  
10 A QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTOR MAY VOTE IN PERSON AT A POLL-  
11 ING PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE CLERK CONDUCTING THE ELECTION.