## **SENATE BILL No. 719**

September 23, 2003, Introduced by Senators JELINEK, KUIPERS, BIRKHOLZ, SWITALSKI, JACOBS, GARCIA, PATTERSON and JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled

"Michigan election law,"

by amending section 963 (MCL 168.963), as amended by 1999 PA 220.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 963. (1) Within 35 days after the filing of the recall petition, the filing official with whom the recall petition is 2 3 filed shall make an official declaration of the sufficiency or 4 insufficiency of the petition. If the recall petition is determined to be insufficient, the filing official shall notify 5 6 the person or organization sponsoring the recall of the 7 insufficiency of the petition. It is not necessary to give notification unless the person or organization sponsoring the 8 recall files with the filing official a written notice of 9 sponsorship and a mailing address. 10

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(2) Immediately upon determining that the petition is 1 sufficient, but not later than 35 days after the date of filing 2 of the petition, the county clerk with whom the petition is filed 3 shall submit to the county election scheduling committee a 4 5 proposed date for a special election to be held within 60 days after the submission to the county scheduling committee call the 6 special election to determine whether the electors will recall 7 the officer whose recall is sought. The special election shall 8 be held on the next regularly scheduled election date that is not 9 less than 70 days after the date the petition signatures are 10 11 certified.

12 (3) If a petition is filed under section 959, the <u>officer</u> 13 filing official with whom the petition is filed shall <u>not submit</u> 14 a proposed date to the county election scheduling committee but 15 shall call the special election <u>subject to the time limitations</u> 16 set out in this section to be held on the next regularly 17 scheduled election date that is not less than 70 days after the 18 petition signatures are certified.

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