

SENATE BILL No. 1352

June 29, 2006, Introduced by Senators CROPSEY and SIKKEMA and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 590f (MCL 168.590f), as amended by 2002 PA 163.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 590f. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3),
2 sections 544c, 545, 552, 553, 555, 556, and 558 are applicable to a
3 qualifying petition, a person filing a qualifying petition, and an
4 officer receiving a qualifying petition.

5 (2) The **BUREAU OF ELECTIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE** board of state
6 canvassers, shall canvass a qualifying petition filed with the
7 secretary of state. ~~and~~ **BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS AND**
8 **THE DISPOSITION OF ANY CHALLENGES FILED AGAINST THE PETITION, THE**

1 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF
2 STATE CANVASSERS CONCERNING THE SUFFICIENCY OR INSUFFICIENCY OF A
3 QUALIFYING PETITION. THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
4 ELECTIONS CONCERNING THE SUFFICIENCY OR INSUFFICIENCY OF A
5 QUALIFYING PETITION SHALL BE CONSIDERED APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
6 STATE CANVASSERS UNLESS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
7 ELECTIONS IS DISAPPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS
8 APPOINTED TO AND SERVING ON THE BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS. THE
9 BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS shall make an official declaration of the
10 sufficiency or insufficiency of the qualifying petition at least 60
11 days before the election. A hearing under this subsection by the
12 board of state canvassers shall be held as provided in section 552.

13 (3) A filing officer who receives a qualifying petition from a
14 candidate who has met the requirements of this act shall certify to
15 the proper board or boards of election commissioners the
16 candidate's name, post office address, and office sought. If the
17 election for the office is held at the general election, the filing
18 officer shall make the certification not later than 60 days before
19 the general election.