

HOUSE BILL No. 5184

November 29, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Lund and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 42 (MCL 168.42), as amended by 1999 PA 216.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 42. (1) In the year in which presidential electors are to
2 be elected under section 43, each political party in this state
3 shall choose at its fall state convention a number of candidates
4 for electors of president and vice-president of the United States
5 equal to the number of senators and representatives in congress
6 that this state is entitled to elect. **ONE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**
7 **SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, AND 2**
8 **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS SHALL BE CHOSEN AT LARGE.** The chairperson and
9 the secretary of the state central committee of each political
10 party shall, within 1 business day after the conclusion of the

1 state convention, forward by registered or certified mail a
2 certificate containing the names of the candidates for **PRESIDENTIAL**
3 electors to the secretary of state. ~~The candidates for electors of~~
4 ~~president and vice president who shall be considered elected are~~
5 ~~those whose names have been certified to the secretary of state by~~
6 ~~that political party receiving the greatest number of votes for~~
7 ~~those offices at the next November election.~~

8 (2) A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL BE CONSIDERED
9 ELECTED FROM A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IF HIS OR HER NAME WAS
10 CERTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY A POLITICAL PARTY AS
11 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) AND THAT POLITICAL PARTY RECEIVES THE
12 GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR PRESIDENT IN THAT CONGRESSIONAL
13 DISTRICT IN THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION.

14 (3) A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL BE CONSIDERED
15 ELECTED AT LARGE IF HIS OR HER NAME WAS CERTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY
16 OF STATE BY A POLITICAL PARTY AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) AND
17 THAT POLITICAL PARTY RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR
18 PRESIDENT IN THIS STATE IN THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION.

19 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (A) PREPARE INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND
21 FOR EACH COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, AND VILLAGE CLERK CONCERNING THE
22 REVISED ELECTORAL VOTING PROCESS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (2) AND
23 (3).

24 (B) PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, SENATE
25 MAJORITY LEADER, AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY
26 SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE REVISED
27 ELECTORAL VOTING PROCESS AND ITS IMPACT ON THIS STATE.

1 (C) MAKE THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBDIVISION (B) AVAILABLE
2 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AN INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4 (5) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, THERE IS
5 APPROPRIATED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 FOR
6 COSTS INCURRED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN COMPLYING WITH
7 SUBSECTION (4).