

# HOUSE BILL No. 4883

June 20, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Cavanagh, Knezek, Lane, Santana and LaVoy and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 697 and 699 (MCL 168.697 and 168.699), section 699 as amended by 2012 PA 523, and by adding section 696a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

1           **SEC. 696A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF ANY**  
2           **PROPOSALS QUALIFY TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT, THE PROPOSALS SHALL**  
3           **BE PLACED AT THE TOP OF THE BALLOT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING**  
4           **ORDER:**

- 5           **(A) LOCAL PROPOSALS.**  
6           **(B) COUNTYWIDE PROPOSALS.**  
7           **(C) STATEWIDE PROPOSALS.**

8           Sec. 697. At the general November election, the names of the  
9           several **PARTISAN** offices to be voted for **SHALL BE PLACED ON THE**

1 **BALLOT FOLLOWING THE NAMES OF THE SEVERAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES**  
 2 **LISTED IN SECTION 699 AND** shall be placed on the ballot  
 3 substantially in the following order in the years in which  
 4 elections for ~~such~~ **THOSE** offices are held: ~~Electors of president~~  
 5 ~~and vice president of the United States; governor and lieutenant~~  
 6 ~~governor; secretary of state; attorney general; United States~~  
 7 ~~senator; representative in congress; senator and representative in~~  
 8 ~~the state legislature; members of the state board of education;~~  
 9 ~~regents of the university of Michigan; trustees of Michigan state~~  
 10 ~~university; governors of Wayne state university; county executive;~~  
 11 ~~prosecuting attorney; sheriff; clerk; treasurer; register of deeds;~~  
 12 ~~auditor in counties electing an auditor; mine inspector in counties~~  
 13 ~~electing a mine inspector; county road commissioners; drain~~  
 14 ~~commissioners; coroners; and surveyor. The following township~~  
 15 ~~officers shall be placed on the same ballot as above described in~~  
 16 ~~substantially the following order in the year in which elections~~  
 17 ~~for such offices are held: supervisor, clerk, treasurer, trustees,~~  
 18 ~~and constables.~~

19 **(A) TOWNSHIP OFFICERS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

20 **(i) SUPERVISOR.**

21 **(ii) CLERK.**

22 **(iii) TREASURER.**

23 **(iv) TRUSTEES.**

24 **(v) CONSTABLES.**

25 **(B) COUNTY OFFICERS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

26 **(i) COUNTY EXECUTIVE.**

27 **(ii) PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.**

- 1           (iii) SHERIFF.  
2           (iv) CLERK.  
3           (v) TREASURER.  
4           (vi) REGISTER OF DEEDS.  
5           (vii) AUDITOR.  
6           (viii) MINE INSPECTOR.  
7           (ix) ROAD COMMISSIONERS.  
8           (x) DRAIN COMMISSIONERS.  
9           (xi) CORONER.  
10          (xii) SURVEYOR.  
11          (C) REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.  
12          (D) TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.  
13          (E) GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY.  
14          (F) MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.  
15          (G) SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE.  
16          (H) GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.  
17          (I) SECRETARY OF STATE.  
18          (J) ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
19          (K) UNITED STATES SENATOR.  
20          (L) REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.  
21          (M) ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
22 STATES.

23           Sec. 699. At any regular election, the names of the several  
24 nonpartisan offices to be voted for SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT  
25 DIRECTLY BELOW ANY PROPOSALS THAT QUALIFY TO BE PLACED ON THE  
26 BALLOT UNDER SECTION 696A AND shall be placed on a ~~separate~~ portion  
27 of the ballot containing no party designation in the following

1 order IN THE YEARS IN WHICH ELECTIONS FOR THOSE OFFICES ARE HELD:  
2 ~~justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals,~~  
3 ~~judges of the circuit court, judges of the probate court, judges of~~  
4 ~~the district court, community college board of trustees member,~~  
5 ~~intermediate school district board member, city officers, the~~  
6 ~~following village officers in substantially the following order in~~  
7 ~~the year in which elections for the offices are held: president,~~  
8 ~~clerk, treasurer, and trustees, and in a year in which an election~~  
9 ~~for the office is held, local school district board member,~~  
10 ~~metropolitan district officer, and district library board member.~~

- 11 (A) JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT.  
12 (B) JUDGES OF THE PROBATE COURT.  
13 (C) JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.  
14 (D) JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS.  
15 (E) JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT.  
16 (F) DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER.  
17 (G) METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OFFICER.  
18 (H) LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.  
19 (I) VILLAGE OFFICERS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING ORDER:  
20 (i) PRESIDENT.  
21 (ii) CLERK.  
22 (iii) TREASURER.  
23 (iv) TRUSTEES.  
24 (J) CITY OFFICERS.  
25 (K) INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.  
26 (L) COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER.

27 Enacting section 1. Section 706 of the Michigan election law,

1 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.706, is repealed.