

# SENATE BILL No. 849

March 5, 2014, Introduced by Senators ANANICH, WARREN, HOPGOOD, ANDERSON, GREGORY, YOUNG, JOHNSON, WHITMER, HUNTER, BIEDA and SMITH and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 720 and 735 (MCL 168.720 and 168.735), section 735 as amended by 2004 PA 92, 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 shall  
 2 ~~be opened~~**OPEN** at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, ~~A.M.~~ and shall be  
 3 continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.  
 4 ~~Every~~**P.M. EACH** qualified elector present and in line at the polls  
 5 at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof ~~TIME~~ shall be  
 6 allowed to vote.

7       (2) **FOR EARLY VOTING UNDER SECTION 720A, THE POLLS SHALL BE**  
 8 **OPEN FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL 8 P.M. EACH WEEKDAY AND FROM 10 A.M. UNTIL 4**

1 P.M. EACH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD AS  
2 PROVIDED IN SECTION 720A. BEFORE EARLY VOTING BEGINS, THE CLERK  
3 SHALL POST THE HOURS THAT THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT THE CLERK'S  
4 OFFICE. THE CLERK SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS THAT  
5 SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIES WITH THE FORM IN SECTION 653A OF THE DATES  
6 AND HOURS THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN.

7 SEC. 720A. (1) EVERY CITY, TOWNSHIP, AND VILLAGE SHALL PROVIDE  
8 EARLY VOTING AT 1 OR MORE POLLING PLACES DESIGNATED BY THE CITY,  
9 TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME SET FORTH IN  
10 THIS SECTION BEFORE AN ELECTION.

11 (2) EARLY VOTING SHALL BEGIN ON THE THIRTIETH DAY BEFORE AN  
12 ELECTION AND END ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.

13 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL COOPERATE WITH EACH  
14 MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTING EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL  
15 ASSISTANCE TO EACH MUNICIPALITY THAT REQUESTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

16 (4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
17 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT APPLY TO EARLY VOTING:

18 (A) ELECTION INSPECTORS.

19 (B) CHALLENGES TO VOTERS.

20 (C) POLL BOOK AND POLL LIST.

21 (D) NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND PLACARDS.

22 (E) SECURITY OF A VOTING MACHINE OR OTHER VOTING SYSTEM.

23 (F) BALLOT SECURITY, BALLOT CONTAINERS, BALLOT COUNTING, AND  
24 BALLOT PRESERVATION.

25 (G) SPOILED BALLOTS.

26 (5) THE POLL BOOK AND POLL LIST FOR EACH PRECINCT SHALL BE  
27 MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 735.

1           (6) EARLY VOTING BALLOTS SHALL BE PROCESSED IN THE SAME MANNER  
2 AS BALLOTS CAST ON ELECTION DAY.

3           (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS A CITY,  
4 TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE.

5           Sec. 735. (1) At each primary and election, election  
6 inspectors shall keep 1 poll book and 1 poll list. An election  
7 inspector shall enter in the poll book, in the order in which  
8 electors are given ballots, the name of each elector who is given a  
9 ballot and immediately after the name, on the same line, shall  
10 enter the number of the ballot given to the elector. For an absent  
11 voter ballot, when an election inspector removes the ballot from  
12 the sealed absent voter envelope, the election inspector shall  
13 enter in the poll book the name of the absent voter and the number  
14 of the ballot.

15           (2) FOR EARLY VOTING UNDER SECTION 720A, THE POLL BOOK SHALL  
16 BE DIVIDED BY DATE AND SEPARATE RECORDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR  
17 EACH DAY OF EARLY VOTING.

18           (3) ~~(2)~~—If an elector is issued a provisional ballot, an  
19 election inspector shall enter a proper designation in the poll  
20 book, including whether the provisional ballot was tabulated in the  
21 precinct or was secured for verification after the election.

22           (4) ~~(3)~~—At the completion of the precinct canvass, an election  
23 inspector shall record on the certificate provided in the poll book  
24 the number of each metal seal used to seal voting equipment and  
25 ballot containers. Each member of the board of election inspectors  
26 shall sign the certificate.