

HOUSE BILL NO. 6523

December 17, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Guerra, Kuppa, Hertel, Cynthia Neeley, Hope, Tyrone Carter, Elder, Haadsma, Sneller, Sowerby, Wittenberg, Peterson, Brixie and Camilleri and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding sections 484a and 956a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 484a. (1) An individual who circulates or who obtains**
2 **signatures on a ballot question petition proposing a constitutional**
3 **amendment, initiation of legislation, or referendum of legislation**
4 **shall not intentionally make a false statement or misrepresentation**

1 concerning the contents, purport, or effect of the ballot question
2 petition to any of the following individuals:

3 (a) An individual who signs the ballot question petition.

4 (b) An individual who desires to sign the ballot question
5 petition.

6 (c) An individual who is requested to sign the ballot question
7 petition.

8 (d) An individual who makes inquiries with reference to the
9 ballot question petition.

10 (e) An individual to whom the ballot question petition is
11 presented for signature.

12 (2) An individual who circulates or who obtains signatures on
13 a ballot question petition proposing a constitutional amendment,
14 initiation of legislation, or referendum of legislation shall not
15 knowingly and willfully circulate, publish, or exhibit a false
16 statement or misrepresentation concerning the contents, purport, or
17 effect of the constitutional amendment, initiative, or referendum
18 for the purpose of obtaining an individual's signature on the
19 ballot question petition or for the purpose of persuading or
20 influencing an individual to sign the ballot question petition.

21 (3) An individual who violates any provision of this section
22 is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each
23 violation. An entity that employs an individual who violates any
24 provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
25 a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.

26 Sec. 956a. (1) An individual who circulates or who obtains
27 signatures on a recall petition shall not intentionally make a
28 false statement or misrepresentation concerning the contents,
29 purport, or effect of the recall petition to any of the following

1 individuals:

2 (a) An individual who signs the recall petition.

3 (b) An individual who desires to sign the recall petition.

4 (c) An individual who is requested to sign the recall
5 petition.

6 (d) An individual who makes inquiries with reference to the
7 recall petition.

8 (e) An individual to whom the recall petition is presented for
9 signature.

10 (2) An individual who circulates or who obtains signatures on
11 a recall petition shall not knowingly and willfully circulate,
12 publish, or exhibit a false statement or misrepresentation
13 concerning the contents, purport, or effect of the recall for the
14 purpose of obtaining an individual's signature on the recall
15 petition or for the purpose of persuading or influencing an
16 individual to sign the recall petition.

17 (3) An individual who violates any provision of this section
18 is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for each
19 violation. An entity that employs an individual who violates any
20 provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
21 a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.