

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4876

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 677 (MCL 168.677), as amended by 2018 PA 120.

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

1           Sec. 677. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4),  
2 a precinct election inspector must be a qualified and registered  
3 elector of this state, must have a good reputation, and must have  
4 sufficient education and clerical ability to perform the duties of  
5 the office. ~~A person~~**An individual** must not be appointed to a board  
6 of election inspectors unless the ~~person~~**individual** has filed an  
7 application with a city or township clerk in that county where the  
8 individual wishes to serve as election inspector.

9           (2) The application **required under subsection (1)** must be in

1 his or her own handwriting and must contain the applicant's name,  
2 home address, ward and precinct registration if any, date of birth,  
3 political party affiliation **that is recognized by the secretary of**  
4 **state**, education, employment, and other experience qualifications.  
5 The application must provide a certification that the applicant is  
6 not a member or a known active advocate, as that term is defined in  
7 section 674, of a political party other than the ~~one~~ **political**  
8 **party** entered on the application. **The application must also include**  
9 **an attestation signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury**  
10 **that the information provided is true, complete, and accurate.** The  
11 form of the application under this section must be approved by the  
12 state director of elections. The clerk shall ~~maintain~~ **do all of the**  
13 **following:**

14       **(a) Maintain** a file of applications filed under this section  
15 and make the applications available for public inspection at the  
16 clerk's office during normal business hours.

17       **(b) Provide to the chairperson of each precinct and absent**  
18 **voter counting board in the city or township a list of the**  
19 **individuals who are assigned to the precinct or absent voter**  
20 **counting board as precinct election inspectors that certifies that**  
21 **those individuals have a complete precinct election inspector**  
22 **application on file, including the required political party**  
23 **affiliation.**

24       **(c) Make the list described in subdivision (b) available for**  
25 **public inspection.**

26       **(d) Provide to the chairperson of each political party**  
27 **committee in the county in which the city or township is located a**  
28 **certified list containing the political party affiliation for each**  
29 **individual acting as a precinct election inspector in each precinct**

1 **and absent voter counting board in the city or township.**

2 (3) ~~A person~~**An individual** must not be knowingly appointed or  
 3 permitted to act as a precinct election inspector if the ~~person~~  
 4 **individual** or any member of his or her immediate family is a  
 5 candidate for nomination or election to any office at the election  
 6 or who has been convicted of a felony or election crime. ~~A person~~  
 7 **An individual** must not be permitted to act as ~~an~~**a precinct**  
 8 election inspector if he or she has failed to attend a school of  
 9 instruction or failed to take an examination as provided in section  
 10 683. This section does not prohibit the candidate for or delegate  
 11 to a political party convention from acting as ~~an~~**a precinct**  
 12 election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct in which  
 13 he or she resides. An election must not be invalidated merely  
 14 because of the violation of the provisions of this section.

15 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and  
 16 subject to subsection (5), ~~a person~~**an individual** who is 16 or 17  
 17 years of age may be appointed to a board of election inspectors.  
 18 Before ~~a person~~**an individual** may be appointed under this  
 19 subsection, the first 3 members of the board required to be  
 20 appointed under section 672 must meet the requirements of  
 21 subsections (1) to (3). ~~A person~~**An individual** who is appointed  
 22 under this subsection must meet the requirements of subsections (1)  
 23 to (3) other than being a qualified and registered elector of this  
 24 state. ~~A person~~**An individual** who is appointed under this  
 25 subsection is not eligible to be designated as chairperson of the  
 26 board under section 674.

27 (5) If ~~a person~~**an individual** seeking appointment to a board  
 28 of election inspectors under subsection (4) is attending a K-12  
 29 school and if an election falls on a school day, the ~~person shall~~

1 **individual must** provide to the clerk, along with the application  
2 filed under subsections (1) and (2), a written document from his or  
3 her school specifically acknowledging that ~~person's~~**individual's**  
4 application for appointment to the board of election inspectors and  
5 specifically excusing that ~~person~~**individual** from school on the  
6 date of service, if the appointment is made.