

HOUSE BILL NO. 4876

May 18, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Alexander, Rendon, Meerman and Griffin and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

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

1 of election inspectors unless the ~~person~~**individual** has filed an
2 ~~application~~**both of the following** with a city or township clerk in
3 that county where the individual wishes to serve as election
4 inspector:

5 (a) **An application as described in subsection (2).**

6 (b) **A signed affidavit indicating his or her political party**
7 **affiliation that must be from a political party recognized by the**
8 **secretary of state.**

9 (2) The application **required under subsection (1)** must be in
10 his or her own handwriting and must contain the applicant's name,
11 home address, ward and precinct registration if any, date of birth,
12 political party affiliation, education, employment, and other
13 experience qualifications. The application must provide a
14 certification that the applicant is not a member or a known active
15 advocate, as that term is defined in section 674, of a political
16 party other than the ~~one~~**political party** entered on the
17 application. The form of the application under this section must be
18 approved by the state director of elections. The clerk shall
19 maintain a file of applications **and affidavits** filed under this
20 section and make the applications **and affidavits** available for
21 public inspection at the clerk's office during normal business
22 hours. **In addition, the clerk shall make the affidavit for each**
23 **precinct election inspector appointed to a polling place or absent**
24 **voter counting board available for public inspection at that**
25 **polling place or absent voter counting board.**

26 (3) ~~A person~~**An individual** must not be knowingly appointed or
27 permitted to act as a precinct election inspector if the ~~person~~
28 **individual** or any member of his or her immediate family is a
29 candidate for nomination or election to any office at the election

1 or who has been convicted of a felony or election crime. ~~A person~~
 2 **An individual** must not be permitted to act as ~~an~~**a precinct**
 3 election inspector if he or she has failed to attend a school of
 4 instruction or failed to take an examination as provided in section
 5 683. This section does not prohibit the candidate for or delegate
 6 to a political party convention from acting as ~~an~~**a precinct**
 7 election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct in which
 8 he or she resides. An election must not be invalidated merely
 9 because of the violation of the provisions of this section.

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

22 (5) If ~~a person~~**an individual** seeking appointment to a board
 23 of election inspectors under subsection (4) is attending a K-12
 24 school and if an election falls on a school day, the ~~person shall~~
 25 **individual must** provide to the clerk, along with the application
 26 **and affidavit** filed under subsections (1) and (2), a written
 27 document from his or her school specifically acknowledging that
 28 ~~person's~~**individual's** application for appointment to the board of
 29 election inspectors and specifically excusing that ~~person~~

1 **individual** from school on the date of service, if the appointment
2 is made.