

SENATE BILL NO. 276

March 24, 2021, Introduced by Senators RUNESTAD, LASATA, HORN, THEIS, ZORN, STAMAS, BIZON, BARRETT, VICTORY, DALEY, BUMSTEAD, OUTMAN and VANDERWALL and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 801a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 801a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), at any precinct,
2 absent voter counting board, or other location where votes are
3 tabulated for an election, an election inspector, election
4 challenger, or poll watcher is authorized, only when votes are
5 being tabulated, to use a camera or video camera, including, but

1 not limited to, a cellular telephone camera, to photograph or
2 videotape, or both, the tabulating of votes at that precinct,
3 absent voter counting board, or other location.

4 (2) An election inspector, election challenger, or poll
5 watcher is only authorized under subsection (1) to use a camera or
6 video camera to photograph or videotape the tabulating of votes at
7 a precinct, absent voter counting board, or other location, and is
8 not authorized to use a camera or video camera to photograph or
9 videotape any of the following:

10 (a) An elector entering, leaving, or voting at a precinct or
11 other location.

12 (b) The personal identification of an elector.

13 (3) An individual shall not threaten, intimidate, impede, or
14 prevent an election inspector, election challenger, or poll watcher
15 while photographing or videotaping the tabulating of votes as
16 authorized under subsection (1).

17 (4) An individual who violates subsection (2) or (3) is guilty
18 of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93
19 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.