

SENATE BILL NO. 295

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

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 33 (MCL 168.33), as amended by 2012 PA 271.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 33. (1) The director of elections shall conduct training
2 schools throughout this state before the general November election,
3 and before other elections as the director considers advisable, for
4 county clerks and their representatives with respect to the
5 conducting of elections in accordance with the election laws.

1 Included in this training ~~shall~~**must** be instruction on the uniform
2 voting system. If a county clerk fails to conduct in his or her
3 county a training school for election boards within the county, the
4 director of elections ~~shall~~**must** conduct the training school, the
5 cost of the training school to be charged as an obligation of the
6 county.

7 (2) The director of elections shall train all county, city,
8 and township clerks who are involved in the training of precinct
9 inspectors. The training ~~shall~~**must** include team training and
10 monitoring of their performance as trainers.

11 (3) The director of elections shall conduct all precinct
12 inspector training in counties where the clerk has not been
13 accredited to conduct the training schools.

14 **(4) The training of precinct inspectors by either the director**
15 **of elections or a county, city, or township clerk must include**
16 **training on precinct inspectors conducting regular balancing checks**
17 **at least once every hour in each precinct on election day to**
18 **confirm that the total number of ballots issued at a precinct**
19 **matches the total number of ballots tabulated by the precinct**
20 **tabulator at that precinct.**

21 (5) ~~(4)~~The director of elections shall conduct continuing
22 election education training courses for county, city, township, and
23 village clerks to attend. Each county, city, township, and village
24 clerk is required to attend and complete continuing election
25 education training at least once every 2 years to maintain
26 accreditation as a clerk. The department of state is responsible
27 for providing continuing election education training to the clerks
28 at no charge to the clerks, counties, cities, townships, or
29 villages.