

SENATE BILL NO. 385

June 13, 2023, Introduced by Senators GEISS and MOSS 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 with ~~a~~**the county clerk or the** city or township clerk
3 in ~~that~~**the** county where the individual wishes to serve as a
4 **precinct** election inspector.

5 (2) The application must ~~be in his or her own handwriting and~~
6 ~~must~~ contain the applicant's name, home address, ward and precinct
7 registration if any, date of birth, political party affiliation,
8 education, employment, and other experience qualifications. The
9 application must provide a certification that the applicant is not
10 a member or a known active advocate, as that term is defined in
11 section 674, of a political party other than the ~~one~~**political**
12 **party** entered on the application. The form of the application under
13 this section must be approved by the state director of elections. **A**
14 **county, city, or township clerk may allow an applicant for precinct**
15 **election inspector to file an application through an online**
16 **application portal or by other electronic means.** The clerk shall
17 maintain a file of applications filed under this section and make
18 the applications available for public inspection at the clerk's
19 office during normal business hours.

20 (3) ~~A person~~**An individual** must not be knowingly appointed or
21 permitted to act as a precinct election inspector if the ~~person~~
22 **individual** or any member of ~~his or her~~**the individual's** immediate
23 family is a candidate for nomination or election to any office at
24 the election or ~~who~~ has been convicted of a felony or election
25 crime. ~~A person~~**An individual** must not be permitted to act as ~~an a~~
26 **precinct** election inspector if ~~he or she~~**the individual** has failed
27 to attend a school of instruction or failed to take an examination
28 as provided in section 683. This section does not prohibit the
29 candidate for or delegate to a political party convention from

1 acting as ~~an~~ **a precinct** election inspector in a precinct other than
2 the precinct in which ~~he or she~~ **that individual** resides. An
3 election must not be invalidated merely because of the violation of
4 the provisions of this section.

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

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