



**House
Legislative
Analysis
Section**

Manufacturer's Bank Building, 12th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48909
Phone: 517/373-6466

CLEARLY OBSERVABLE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES

House Bill 6281
Sponsor: Rep. Maxine Berman
Committee: Elections

Complete to 11-26-90

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6281 AS INTRODUCED 11-14-90

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to require that an election precinct be "composed as nearly as practicable of compact and contiguous territory" and have "clearly defined and clearly observable boundaries." (However, a precinct already in existence that does not comply with the provision would not need to be changed until the legislative reapportionment plan based on the results of the 1990 census takes effect.)

As used in the bill, "clearly observable boundaries" includes one or more of the following: a named road or street; a road or highway that is part of the federal, state primary, or state secondary road system; a river, stream, or drainage feature that is 40 feet or more in width; a natural or constructed permanent physical feature that is shown on an official county, city, or township map issued by the Department of Transportation or a U.S. Geological Survey topographical map; an apartment building, dormitory, or other multiple-unit housing structure; and any line or demarcation that is clearly visible from the ground that meets the requirements of and is recognized by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

MCL 168.654a

House Bill 6281 (11-26-90)