

HOUSE BILL No. 4454

March 15, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Bryant and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend section 661 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled "Michigan election law," as amended by Act No. 2 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 168.661 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 661 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of
2 1954, as amended by Act No. 2 of the Public Acts of 1982, being
3 section 168.661 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 661. (1) When the voter registration in a precinct
6 using voting machines is 1,000 or less, there shall be not less
7 than 1 voting machine for each ~~500~~ 300 active registered
8 electors at the general November election and at the primary
9 immediately preceding that election. When the registration in a

1 precinct using voting machines is more than 1,000 and less than
2 3,000, there shall be at least 1 voting machine for each ~~600~~
3 400 active registered electors at the general November election
4 and at the primary immediately preceding that election. At other
5 primaries and elections, the number of voting machines shall be
6 at the discretion of the local election commission. In making
7 this determination, the local election commission shall take into
8 consideration the number of choices the voter must make, the per-
9 centage of registered voters who voted at the last similar elec-
10 tion in the jurisdiction, and the intensity of the interest of
11 the electors in the jurisdiction concerning the candidates and
12 proposals to be voted upon. When the registration in a precinct
13 using voting machines exceeds 2,999, the precinct shall be
14 divided or rearranged.

15 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), city and township
16 election commissions shall divide precincts according to law, not
17 later than 210 days before the primary next preceding the general
18 November election, and shall immediately notify the county clerk
19 of the number of registered voters in each precinct in the city
20 or township. The county clerk shall notify the secretary of
21 state not later than 200 days before the primary of a precinct in
22 the clerk's county ~~which~~ THAT has not been divided according to
23 law, and the secretary of state shall proceed to make NECESSARY
24 divisions ~~as are necessary~~ at the expense of the city or town-
25 ship involved, not later than 180 days before the primary next
26 preceding the general November election. If the election
27 commission of a city, village, or township using voting machines

1 decides to use paper ballots for a primary or election, the
2 preceding limitations shall continue for that election. A divi-
3 sion of precincts shall be made effective not later than 180 days
4 before the primary election next preceding the general November
5 election.

6 (3) In the second year following each federal census, pre-
7 cincts shall be divided pursuant to this subsection. City and
8 township election commissions shall divide precincts, not later
9 than 120 days before the primary election next preceding the gen-
10 eral November election in order that a precinct, as far as is
11 practical, is not split between districts and does not exceed
12 2,999 registered voters, and shall immediately notify the county
13 clerk of the number of registered voters in each precinct in each
14 city or township. The county clerk shall notify the secretary of
15 state not later than 110 days before the primary of any precincts
16 in the county ~~which~~ THAT have not been divided, and the secre-
17 tary of state shall proceed to make the NECESSARY divisions ~~as~~
18 ~~are necessary~~ at the expense of the city or township involved,
19 not later than 90 days before the primary election next preceding
20 the general November election. The division of precincts shall
21 be made effective not later than 90 days before the primary
22 election. The secretary of state may authorize, upon written
23 request by a city or township election commission, a later divi-
24 sion of a precinct ~~which~~ THAT contains portions of more than 1
25 elective district. All precinct divisions shall be completed not
26 later than 90 days before the primary election next preceding the
27 general November election.