

HOUSE BILL No. 6281

November 14, 1990, Introduced by Reps. Berman, Bandstra and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled

"Michigan election law,"

as amended, being sections 168.1 to 168.992 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 654a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as
2 amended, being sections 168.1 to 168.992 of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 654a to read as follows:

4 SEC. 654A. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SEC-
5 TION, AN ELECTION PRECINCT UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE COMPOSED AS
6 NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE OF COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY AND
7 SHALL HAVE CLEARLY DEFINED AND CLEARLY OBSERVABLE BOUNDARIES.
8 HOWEVER, AN ELECTION PRECINCT IN EXISTENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE
9 OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION THAT DOES NOT

1 COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION NEED NOT BE CHANGED UNTIL THE
2 LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO THE RESULTS OF THE
3 1990 FEDERAL CENSUS IS EFFECTIVE.

4 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CLEARLY OBSERVABLE BOUNDARIES"
5 INCLUDES 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

6 (A) A NAMED ROAD OR STREET.

7 (B) A ROAD OR HIGHWAY THAT IS PART OF THE FEDERAL, STATE
8 PRIMARY, OR STATE SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM.

9 (C) A RIVER, STREAM, OR DRAINAGE FEATURE THAT IS 40 FEET OR
10 MORE IN WIDTH.

11 (D) A NATURAL OR CONSTRUCTED PERMANENT PHYSICAL FEATURE THAT
12 IS SHOWN ON AN OFFICIAL COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP MAP ISSUED BY
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR A UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL
14 SURVEY TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP.

15 (E) AN APARTMENT BUILDING, A DORMITORY, OR OTHER PERMANENT
16 MULTIPLE-UNIT HOUSING STRUCTURE.

17 (F) ANY LINE OR DEMARCATION THAT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE
18 GROUND THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AND IS RECOGNIZED BY THE
19 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.