

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5335

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 735 (MCL 168.735), as amended by 2004 PA 92,
and by adding section 730b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 730b. (1) The clerk of each city or township must make
2 available to each challenger in a precinct or absent voter counting
3 board in that city or township a visible identification badge that
4 includes the word "challenger". The identification badge may
5 include a reference to the precinct location or precinct number,
6 but must not include any of the following information:

7 (a) The name of the challenger.

8 (b) The name of a political party or the logo of a political

1 party.

2 (c) Any other identifying mark or word that is not otherwise
3 authorized under this subsection.

4 (2) Upon arriving at a precinct or absent voter counting
5 board, a challenger must immediately check in with the election
6 inspector chairperson for that precinct or absent voter counting
7 board and obtain his or her identification badge. When leaving a
8 precinct or absent voter counting board, a challenger must notify
9 the election inspector chairperson and return his or her
10 identification badge.

11 (3) At all times while serving as a challenger in a precinct
12 or absent voter counting board, an individual must wear the
13 identification badge provided by the election inspector
14 chairperson.

15 Sec. 735. (1) At each primary and election, election
16 inspectors shall keep 1 poll book and 1 poll list. An election
17 inspector shall enter in the poll book, in the order in which
18 electors are given ballots, the name of each elector who is given a
19 ballot and immediately after the name, on the same line, shall
20 enter the number of the ballot given to the elector. For an absent
21 voter ballot, when an election inspector removes the ballot from
22 the sealed absent voter envelope, the election inspector shall
23 enter in the poll book the name of the absent voter and the number
24 of the ballot.

25 (2) If an elector is issued a provisional ballot, an election
26 inspector shall enter a proper designation in the poll book,
27 including whether the provisional ballot was tabulated in the
28 precinct or was secured for verification after the election.

29 (3) Upon the arrival and departure of any challenger, an

1 election inspector must enter the name of the challenger and the
2 time of his or her arrival and departure in the poll book. In
3 addition, if a challenger replaces another challenger, an election
4 inspector must record that replacement in the poll book.

5 (4) If a challenge is made by a challenger, an election
6 inspector must enter that challenge in the poll book and include
7 how the challenge was resolved. If a challenge was rejected, an
8 election inspector must note in the poll book why the challenge was
9 rejected.

10 (5) ~~(3)~~At the completion of the precinct canvass, an election
11 inspector ~~shall~~**must** record on the certificate provided in the poll
12 book the number of each ~~metal~~-seal used to seal voting equipment
13 and ballot containers. Each member of the board of election
14 inspectors ~~shall~~**must** sign the certificate.