

HOUSE BILL NO. 5335

September 23, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Damoose, Wozniak, Bezotte, Yaroch, Markkanen and Slagh and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

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 provide**
2 **to each challenger in a precinct or absent voter counting board in**
3 **that city or township a visible identification badge that includes**
4 **the word "challenger". The identification badge may include a**

1 reference to the precinct location or precinct number, but must not
2 include any of the following information:

3 (a) The name of the challenger.

4 (b) The name of a political party or the logo of a political
5 party.

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

8 (2) At all times while serving as a challenger in a precinct
9 or absent voter counting board, an individual must do both of the
10 following:

11 (a) Wear the identification badge provided by the city or
12 township clerk.

13 (b) Carry his or her certificate of completion for election
14 challenger training as provided in section 730a.

15 (3) Upon arriving at a precinct or absent voter counting
16 board, a challenger must immediately check in with the election
17 inspector chairperson for that precinct or absent voter counting
18 board and provide his or her identification badge and certificate
19 of completion for election challenger training. When leaving a
20 precinct or absent voter counting board, a challenger must notify
21 the election inspector chairperson and return the identification
22 badge provided by the city or township clerk.

23 Sec. 735. (1) At each primary and election, election
24 inspectors shall keep 1 poll book and 1 poll list. An election
25 inspector shall enter in the poll book, in the order in which
26 electors are given ballots, the name of each elector who is given a
27 ballot and immediately after the name, on the same line, shall
28 enter the number of the ballot given to the elector. For an absent
29 voter ballot, when an election inspector removes the ballot from

1 the sealed absent voter envelope, the election inspector shall
2 enter in the poll book the name of the absent voter and the number
3 of the ballot.

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

8 (3) **Upon the arrival or departure of any challenger, an**
9 **election inspector must enter the name of the challenger and the**
10 **time of his or her arrival or departure in the poll book.**

11 (4) **If a challenge is made by a challenger, an election**
12 **inspector must enter that challenge in the poll book and include**
13 **how the challenge was resolved. If a challenge was rejected, an**
14 **election inspector must note in the poll book why the challenge was**
15 **rejected.**

16 (5) ~~(3)~~—At the completion of the precinct canvass, an election
17 inspector ~~shall~~**must** record on the certificate provided in the poll
18 book the number of each metal seal used to seal voting equipment
19 and ballot containers. Each member of the board of election
20 inspectors ~~shall~~**must** sign the certificate.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
22 unless House Bill No. 4528 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into
23 law.