

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.805 Ballots; packaging; statement; placement in ballot box; seal; delivery.**

Sec. 805. (1) After the ballots are counted as provided in this chapter, the board of election inspectors shall securely tie the ballots in packages or rolls, and the board of election inspectors shall attach to each ballot bag an endorsed statement showing the number and kind of ballots included in the ballot bag. The statement shall be securely attached to the outside of the bag, as prescribed by the secretary of state.

(2) After all ballots are tied in packages or rolls, the board of election inspectors shall place the ballots in ballot bags approved by the secretary of state. The board of election inspectors shall then seal the bags with an approved seal that shall be furnished with the election supplies. The bags shall be placed in the ballot box or other ballot container provided for ballots under section 669 along with 1 tally sheet, if the tally sheet is not combined with the statement of returns. The board of election inspectors shall securely fasten and seal the ballot box or other ballot container with an approved seal furnished with the election supplies. The seal shall be affixed to render it impossible to open the ballot box or other ballot container without breaking the seal. The board of election inspectors shall then deliver the ballot box or other ballot container to the township, city, or village clerk.

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