

SENATE BILL No. 983

February 9, 2000, Introduced by Senators HAMMERSTROM and BULLARD and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 659.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 659. (1) IF A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE IS
2 DIVIDED INTO 2 OR MORE ELECTION PRECINCTS, THE CITY, WARD, TOWN-
3 SHIP, OR VILLAGE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY, BY RESOLUTION, CON-
4 SOLIDATE THE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR A PARTICULAR ELECTION. IN
5 MAKING THE DETERMINATION TO CONSOLIDATE ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR A
6 PARTICULAR ELECTION, THE ELECTION COMMISSION SHALL TAKE INTO CON-
7 sideration THE NUMBER OF CHOICES THE VOTER MUST MAKE, THE PERCENTAGE
8 OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO VOTED AT THE LAST SIMILAR ELECTION
9 IN THE JURISDICTION, AND THE INTENSITY OF THE INTEREST OF THE
10 ELECTORS IN THE JURISDICTION CONCERNING THE CANDIDATES AND
11 PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED UPON.

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1 (2) A CONSOLIDATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE NOT
2 LESS THAN 120 DAYS BEFORE A PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL
3 ELECTION.

4 (3) IF A CITY, WARD, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CONSOLIDATES ELEC-
5 TION PRECINCTS FOR A PARTICULAR ELECTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1),
6 THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OR OTHER DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIALS
7 SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE
9 AFFECTED ELECTION PRECINCTS OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION PRE-
10 CINCTS FOR THE PARTICULAR ELECTION AND THE LOCATION OF THE POLL-
11 ING PLACE FOR THE ELECTION PRECINCT OR PRECINCTS FOR THAT
12 ELECTION. NOTICE MAY BE PROVIDED BY MAIL OR OTHER METHOD
13 DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ACTUAL NOTICE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS.

14 (B) POST A WRITTEN NOTICE AT EACH ELECTION PRECINCT POLLING
15 PLACE STATING THE LOCATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION PRECINCT
16 POLLING PLACE.