

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6000**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 646a (MCL 168.646a), as amended by 2003 PA  
302.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 646a. (1) If a local officer is to be elected at a  
2 general November election, candidates for the local office shall  
3 be nominated in the manner provided by law or charter, subject to  
4 sections 641 and 642. If candidates for the local office are to  
5 be nominated at caucuses, the caucuses shall be held on a date  
6 before the date set for the primary election or on the Saturday  
7 before the day of the primary election as determined by the local  
8 legislative body at least 20 days before the date of the caucus.  
9 If candidates are nominated by filing petitions or affidavits,  
10 they shall be filed at a time provided by charter, but not later

1 than the date of the primary. Except as provided in section 642,  
2 the local primary election shall be held on the same day as a  
3 state or county primary election. If a state or county primary  
4 is being held on the same day, the last day for local candidates  
5 to file nominating petitions is the same as the last date to file  
6 petitions for state and county offices. The names of all local  
7 candidates and titles of office shall be certified to the county  
8 clerk by the local clerk within 5 days after the last day for  
9 filing petitions, and certification of nominees shall be made to  
10 that clerk within 5 days after the date on which the primary or  
11 caucus was held.

12 (2) If a local, school district, or county ballot question is  
13 to be voted on at a ~~primary, special, regular, or general~~  
14 **regular election date or special election, ~~at which state~~**  
15 ~~officers are to be voted for,~~ the ballot wording of the ballot  
16 question shall be certified to the local or county clerk at least  
17 70 days before the election. If the wording is certified to a  
18 clerk other than the county clerk, the clerk shall certify the  
19 ballot wording to the county clerk at least 68 days before the  
20 election. **If a local, school district, or county ballot question**  
21 **is to be voted on at a regular election date or special election**  
22 **at which no state or federal offices are to be voted for, the**  
23 **ballot wording of the ballot question shall be certified to the**  
24 **local or county clerk responsible for printing the ballots at**  
25 **least 60 days before the election date.** Petitions to place a  
26 county or local ballot question on the ballot at the election  
27 shall be filed with the clerk at least 14 days before the date

1 the ballot wording must be certified to the local clerk.

2       (3) The provisions of this section apply notwithstanding any  
3 provisions of law or charter to the contrary, unless an earlier  
4 date for the filing of affidavits or petitions, including  
5 nominating petitions, is provided in a law or charter, in which  
6 case the earlier filing date is controlling.