

# HOUSE BILL No. 5991

June 9, 2004, Introduced by Rep. DeRoche and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 305 (MCL 168.305), as added by 2003 PA 302.

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

1       Sec. 305. (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of  
2 this chapter, the school district election coordinating committee  
3 for each school district shall hold an initial meeting. Within  
4 14 days after convening the initial meeting, the school district  
5 election coordinating committee shall file a report with the  
6 secretary of state that sets forth the arrangements that are  
7 agreed upon for the conduct of the school district's elections.  
8 Each school district election coordinating committee member shall  
9 sign the report and retain a copy.

10       (2) After filing its initial report under subsection (1), a  
11 school district election coordinating committee shall meet at

1 2-year intervals to review and, if necessary, alter the election  
2 arrangements set forth in its previous report. After each  
3 review, a school district election coordinating committee shall  
4 either notify the secretary of state in writing that its previous  
5 report is not being altered or file with the secretary of state a  
6 report with the alterations. Election arrangements made by the  
7 clerks of the jurisdictions participating in the school district  
8 election coordinating committee meeting are binding on the  
9 participating jurisdictions for at least 2 years after the report  
10 is filed, and each jurisdiction continues to be bound until an  
11 altered report is filed.

12 (3) The arrangements agreed upon by a school district  
13 election coordinating committee for the conduct of the school  
14 district's elections shall accomplish at least both of the  
15 following:

16 (a) If a school district election is held on the same day as  
17 an election of a jurisdiction that overlaps with the school  
18 district, an elector wishing to vote in both elections shall not  
19 be required to vote at 2 different locations.

20 (b) If, before the filing of an initial report or of the  
21 notice or altered report after its 2-year review, a city or  
22 township clerk notifies the school district election coordinating  
23 committee that the city or township clerk, **in consultation with**  
24 **the city council or township board, as applicable,** has decided to  
25 participate in the conduct of the school district's elections,  
26 the school district election coordinating committee shall include  
27 that city or township clerk in its initial or an altered report

1 as the person conducting the school district's elections in the  
2 clerk's city or township.

3 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, if  
4 a city or township is holding an election for elective office or  
5 on a ballot question at the same time that a school district  
6 located in whole or part in the city or township is holding an  
7 election, the city or township clerk shall also conduct the  
8 school district election within his or her jurisdiction. If a  
9 city or township clerk is conducting a school election under this  
10 subsection, the clerk shall use the same precincts that are used  
11 for state and federal elections as the precincts for the school  
12 district election. If these precincts change the polling place  
13 location for school district electors, the clerk shall notify  
14 those school district electors of the location of the different  
15 polling place. **Except as otherwise provided in section 659, a**  
16 **city or township clerk conducting an election under this**  
17 **subsection may consolidate election precincts in the manner**  
18 **provided in section 659.**