

# SENATE BILL No. 515

May 19, 2005, Introduced by Senators CASSIS, HAMMERSTROM and SIKKEMA and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "Community college act of 1966," by amending sections 38, 58, and 152 (MCL 389.38, 389.58, and 389.152), as amended by 2003 PA 306.

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

1       Sec. 38. ~~(1) The regular community college election shall be~~  
2 ~~held at the same time as the regular school elections of the~~  
3 ~~constituent school districts held on the day determined under~~  
4 ~~section 642 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.642. If any~~  
5 ~~component school district holds its annual school election on a~~  
6 ~~different date, the board of such district shall call a special~~  
7 ~~election to be held on the same day as that prescribed by this~~  
8 ~~subsection.~~

9       ~~———(2) At the~~ **A regular elections** **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

1 **ELECTION**, separate propositions may be submitted to the electors in  
2 addition to the election of trustees of the community college  
3 district when authorized by the board of trustees.

4 Sec. 58. ~~—(1)— A regular community college election is held at~~  
5 ~~the same time as the regular school election. A constituent county~~  
6 ~~shall call a special election to be held on the date of the regular~~  
7 ~~school election.~~

8 ~~——(2)—~~ At a regular **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** election, in addition to  
9 the election of trustees, special propositions may be submitted to  
10 the electors when authorized by the board of trustees.

11 Sec. 152. ~~—(1)— Candidates for members of the first and~~  
12 ~~succeeding boards shall be nominated by petition signed by not less~~  
13 ~~than 50 or more than 200 qualified and registered electors residing~~  
14 ~~within the geographic area of the community college district. All~~  
15 ~~nominating petitions in community college districts organized under~~  
16 ~~chapter 1 shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. on the one hundred-~~  
17 ~~tenth day before the date of any election. All nominating petitions~~  
18 ~~in community college districts organized under chapters 2 and 3~~  
19 ~~shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. on the ninth Monday before the~~  
20 ~~date of any election. If the last day for filing nominating~~  
21 ~~petitions falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the~~  
22 ~~nominating petitions shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. on the~~  
23 ~~next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.~~

24 ~~——(2)— Nominating petitions for the first and succeeding boards~~  
25 ~~of trustees of a community college district organized under chapter~~  
26 ~~1 shall be filed with the school district filing official.~~  
27 ~~Nominating petitions for the first and succeeding boards of~~

1 ~~trustees organized under chapters 2 and 3 shall be filed with the~~  
2 ~~school district filing official.~~

3 ~~—— (3) Upon the filing of nominating petitions with the school~~  
4 ~~district filing official, he or she shall canvass them to ascertain~~  
5 ~~if they have been signed by the requisite number of qualified~~  
6 ~~electors and may check any doubtful signatures against the~~  
7 ~~registration records of the clerk of any political subdivision in~~  
8 ~~which the petitions were circulated, or may use any other method he~~  
9 ~~or she deems proper for determining the validity of the doubtful~~  
10 ~~signatures. If he or she determines that the nominating petitions~~  
11 ~~of any candidate do not comply with the requirements or if the~~  
12 ~~candidate does not possess the qualifications as required by the~~  
13 ~~provisions of this act for membership on the board of trustees, the~~  
14 ~~school district filing official shall notify the candidate of that~~  
15 ~~fact and of the reasons.~~

16 ~~—— (4) This section does not apply to nominating petitions for a~~  
17 ~~candidate for a board of trustees organized under chapter 5. A~~  
18 **CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**  
19 **SHALL BE NOMINATED, AND MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED, AS PROVIDED IN**  
20 **CHAPTER XIV OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, MCL 168.301 TO 168.315.**