

# SENATE BILL NO. 511

September 12, 2019, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1966 PA 261, entitled

"An act to provide for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners; to prescribe the size of the board; to provide for appeals; to prescribe the manner of election of the members of the county board of commissioners; to provide for compensation of members; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 11 (MCL 46.411), as amended by 2002 PA 158, and by adding section 11c.

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

**1**           Sec. 11. A candidate for the office of county commissioner

1 ~~shall~~**must** be a resident and registered voter of the district that  
2 he or she seeks to represent and ~~shall~~**must** remain a resident and  
3 registered voter to hold his or her office, if elected. ~~Nominations~~  
4 **Except as otherwise provided in section 11c, nominations** and  
5 elections for commissioners ~~shall~~**must** be by partisan elections. In  
6 order for the name of a candidate for nomination for the office of  
7 county commissioner to appear on the official primary ballot, a  
8 nominating petition or \$100.00 filing fee ~~shall~~**must** be filed with  
9 the county clerk. The nominating petition ~~shall have been~~**must be**  
10 signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing  
11 within the district as determined under section 544f of the  
12 Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.544f. The deadline for  
13 filing nomination petitions or filing fees is the same as for a  
14 candidate for state representative. ~~A person who has been convicted~~  
15 ~~of a violation of section 12a(1) of 1941 PA 370, MCL 38.412a, is~~  
16 ~~not eligible to be a county commissioner for 20 years after the~~  
17 ~~conviction.~~

18 **Sec. 11c. Beginning January 1 of the year of the federal**  
19 **decennial census and continuing until December 31 of the third year**  
20 **following that date, the county board of commissioners of a county**  
21 **with a population of less than 75,000 may adopt a resolution to**  
22 **conduct nonpartisan elections for the office of county**  
23 **commissioner. If a county board of commissioners adopts a**  
24 **resolution as provided in this section, the resolution takes effect**  
25 **on December 31 of the year in which the resolution is adopted.**

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
27 after the date it is enacted into law.

28 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
29 unless Senate Bill No. 510 of the 100th Legislature is enacted into

1 law.