

# SENATE BILL NO. 1209

November 05, 2020, Introduced by Senators MOSS, MCMORROW, CHANG, ALEXANDER, BRINKS, POLEHANKI, HERTEL, ANANICH, GEISS, BAYER, SANTANA, WOJNO and HOLLIER and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding sections 484a and 956a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 484a. (1) If an organization employs an individual to  
2       circulate or obtain signatures on a ballot question petition  
3       proposing a constitutional amendment, initiation of legislation, or  
4       referendum of legislation, the individual shall not intentionally

1 make a false statement or misrepresentation concerning the  
2 contents, purport, or effect of the ballot question petition to any  
3 of the following individuals:

4 (a) An individual who signs the ballot question petition.

5 (b) An individual who desires to sign the ballot question  
6 petition.

7 (c) An individual who is requested to sign the ballot question  
8 petition.

9 (d) An individual who makes inquiries with reference to the  
10 ballot question petition.

11 (e) An individual to whom the ballot question petition is  
12 presented for signature.

13 (2) If an organization employs an individual to circulate or  
14 obtain signatures on a ballot question petition proposing a  
15 constitutional amendment, initiation of legislation, or referendum  
16 of legislation, the individual shall not knowingly and willfully  
17 circulate, publish, or exhibit a false statement or  
18 misrepresentation concerning the contents, purport, or effect of  
19 the constitutional amendment, initiative, or referendum for the  
20 purpose of obtaining an individual's signature on the ballot  
21 question petition or for the purpose of persuading or influencing  
22 an individual to sign the ballot question petition.

23 (3) If an individual who is employed by an organization to  
24 circulate or obtain signatures on a ballot question petition  
25 proposing a constitutional amendment, initiation of legislation, or  
26 referendum of legislation violates any provision of this section,  
27 any signature obtained by that individual on that petition is  
28 invalid and must not be counted.

29 Sec. 956a. (1) If an organization employs an individual to

1 circulate or obtain signatures on a recall petition, the individual  
2 shall not intentionally make a false statement or misrepresentation  
3 concerning the contents, purport, or effect of the recall petition  
4 to any of the following individuals:

5 (a) An individual who signs the recall petition.

6 (b) An individual who desires to sign the recall petition.

7 (c) An individual who is requested to sign the recall  
8 petition.

9 (d) An individual who makes inquiries with reference to the  
10 recall petition.

11 (e) An individual to whom the recall petition is presented for  
12 signature.

13 (2) If an organization employs an individual to circulate or  
14 obtain signatures on a recall petition, the individual shall not  
15 knowingly and willfully circulate, publish, or exhibit a false  
16 statement or misrepresentation concerning the contents, purport, or  
17 effect of the recall for the purpose of obtaining an individual's  
18 signature on the recall petition or for the purpose of persuading  
19 or influencing an individual to sign the recall petition.

20 (3) If an individual who is employed by an organization to  
21 circulate or obtain signatures on a recall petition violates any  
22 provision of this section, any signature obtained by that  
23 individual on that recall petition is invalid and must not be  
24 counted.