

# SENATE BILL NO. 121

February 10, 2021, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 282a (MCL 168.282a) and by adding section 282b.

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

1           Sec. 282a. At its fall state convention of 1964, each  
2 political party may nominate 8 candidates for membership on the  
3 state board of education. Two candidates shall be nominated for 2-  
4 year terms, 2 for 4-year terms, 2 for 6-year terms and 2 for 8-year  
5 terms. At its fall state convention of 1966, and every 2 years

1 thereafter, each political party may, **subject to section 282b,**  
2 nominate 2 candidates for membership on the state board of  
3 education.

4       **Sec. 282b. (1) In order to better promote a diversity of**  
5 **perspectives on the state board of education representative of the**  
6 **great diversity of schools, students, and communities across the**  
7 **many regions of this state, it is the intent of the legislature**  
8 **that members of the state board of education be nominated by**  
9 **regions, but still be elected and serve statewide.**

10       **(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that**  
11 **added this section, this state is divided into 8 regions for each**  
12 **political party to select members to the state board of education.**  
13 **The regions are constituted as follows:**

14       **(a) Region 1 consists of the counties of Alger, Baraga,**  
15 **Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw,**  
16 **Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft.**

17       **(b) Region 2 consists of the counties of Alcona, Alpena,**  
18 **Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford,**  
19 **Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau,**  
20 **Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda,**  
21 **Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford.**

22       **(c) Region 3 consists of the counties of Gratiot, Ionia,**  
23 **Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo,**  
24 **Oceana, and Ottawa.**

25       **(d) Region 4 consists of the counties of Bay, Genesee, Huron,**  
26 **Lapeer, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac, Shiawassee, and Tuscola.**

27       **(e) Region 5 consists of the counties of Allegan, Barry,**  
28 **Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van**  
29 **Buren.**

1           (f) Region 6 consists of the counties of Clinton, Eaton,  
2 Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and  
3 Washtenaw.

4           (g) Region 7 consists of the counties of Macomb and Oakland.

5           (h) Region 8 consists of Wayne County.

6           (3) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
7 added this section, each political party shall nominate candidates  
8 for membership on the state board of education as follows:

9           (a) At its fall state convention of 2022, and every 8 years  
10 thereafter, each political party shall nominate for membership on  
11 the state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of  
12 region 4 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 8, or any  
13 individual elected to and serving a term of office on the state  
14 board of education on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
15 added this section.

16           (b) At its fall state convention of 2024, and every 8 years  
17 thereafter, each political party shall nominate for membership on  
18 the state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of  
19 region 6 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 7, or any  
20 individual elected to and serving a term of office on the state  
21 board of education on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
22 added this section.

23           (c) At its fall state convention of 2026, and every 8 years  
24 thereafter, each political party shall nominate for membership on  
25 the state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of  
26 region 1 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 2, or any  
27 individual elected to and serving a term of office on the state  
28 board of education on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
29 added this section.

1           (d) At its fall state convention of 2028, and every 8 years  
2 thereafter, each political party shall nominate for membership on  
3 the state board of education 1 candidate who is a resident of  
4 region 3 and 1 candidate who is a resident of region 5, or any  
5 individual elected to and serving a term of office on the state  
6 board of education on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
7 added this section.

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