

HOUSE BILL NO. 4502

May 03, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Bollin, DeSana, Rigas, Posthumus, Roth, Lightner, Smit and VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 735 (MCL 168.735), as amended by 2004 PA 92,
and by adding section 730b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 730b. (1) The clerk of each city or township must make**
2 **available to each challenger in a precinct or absent voter counting**
3 **board in that city or township a visible identification badge that**
4 **includes the word "challenger". The identification badge may**
5 **include a reference to the precinct location or precinct number,**

1 but must not include any of the following information:

2 (a) The name of the challenger.

3 (b) The name of a political party or the logo of a political
4 party.

5 (c) Any other identifying mark or word that is not otherwise
6 authorized under this subsection.

7 (2) On arriving at a precinct or absent voter counting board,
8 a challenger must immediately check in with the election inspector
9 chairperson for that precinct or absent voter counting board and
10 obtain the challenger's identification badge. When leaving a
11 precinct or absent voter counting board, a challenger must notify
12 the election inspector chairperson and return the challenger's
13 identification badge.

14 (3) At all times while serving as a challenger in a precinct
15 or absent voter counting board, an individual must wear the
16 identification badge provided by the election inspector
17 chairperson.

18 Sec. 735. (1) At each primary and election, election
19 inspectors shall keep 1 poll book and 1 poll list. An election
20 inspector shall enter in the poll book, in the order in which
21 electors are given ballots, the name of each elector who is given a
22 ballot and immediately after the name, on the same line, shall
23 enter the number of the ballot given to the elector. For an absent
24 voter ballot, when an election inspector removes the ballot from
25 the sealed absent voter envelope, the election inspector shall
26 enter in the poll book the name of the absent voter and the number
27 of the ballot.

28 (2) If an elector is issued a provisional ballot, an election
29 inspector shall enter a proper designation in the poll book,

1 including whether the provisional ballot was tabulated in the
2 precinct or was secured for verification after the election.

3 (3) On the arrival and departure of any challenger, an
4 election inspector must enter the name of the challenger and the
5 time of the challenger's arrival and departure in the poll book. In
6 addition, if a challenger replaces another challenger, an election
7 inspector must record that replacement in the poll book.

8 (4) If a challenge is made by a challenger, an election
9 inspector must enter that challenge in the poll book and include
10 how the challenge was resolved. If a challenge was rejected, an
11 election inspector must note in the poll book why the challenge was
12 rejected.

13 (5) ~~(3)~~At the completion of the precinct canvass, an election
14 inspector ~~shall~~**must** record on the certificate provided in the poll
15 book the number of each ~~metal~~ seal used to seal voting equipment
16 and ballot containers. Each member of the board of election
17 inspectors ~~shall~~**must** sign the certificate.