

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.523b Establishment of election day vote centers; requirements; election inspector duties.

Sec. 523b.

(1) If a city or township has processed 500 or more election day voter registrations in either or both of the previous 2 general November elections, the board of election commissioners of that city or township may establish election day vote centers to tabulate ballots issued to electors who register to vote or update voter registration on election day. No later than 90 days before an election, the board of election commissioners of a city or township that establishes an election day vote center under this subsection must inform the county clerk of the county in which that city or township is located that an election day vote center will be established in that city or township. No later than the fourth day before election day, the city or township clerk of a city or township that establishes an election day vote center shall post notice of the establishment and location of that election day vote center on the website of the city or township, if available, and in the clerk's office.

(2) An election day vote center operates as a polling place and must have at least 3 election inspectors appointed under section 674 and be located in the same building where the city or township clerk provides election day registration, which includes a satellite office of that city or township clerk. A political party, or an incorporated organization or organized committee of interested citizens as described under sections 730 and 731, may have 1 challenger for every 8 election inspectors assigned to an election day vote center.

(3) Only an elector who registers to vote or updates the elector's voter registration in the city or township on election day is eligible to cast a ballot at an election day vote center that is located in the same building in which the elector registers to vote or updates the elector's voter registration. The registered elector must present to an election inspector at the election day vote center the voter registration receipt issued to that elector under section 497(5) by the city or township clerk on election day, and must comply with all of the other requirements for an elector under section 523. An election inspector in an election day vote center shall do all of the following:

(a) Allow an elector to cast a ballot in the same manner as an elector whose name is listed on the voter registration list in an election day precinct.

(b) Enter the elector's name in the poll book approved by the secretary of state for use in an election day vote center.

(c) Issue a ballot to the elector who shall mark the ballot and deposit the ballot in the tabulator.

(4) A city or township clerk shall configure an election day vote center with at least 1 tabulator and a corresponding poll book that lists the electors issued a ballot to be cast on that tabulator. The collected voter registration receipts under subsection (3) serve as 1 of the required poll lists, and the list of electors issued a ballot in the poll book serves as the second required poll list.

(5) The county clerk shall program the tabulators to be used in an election day vote center so that the results will be included in the unofficial and official election accumulation reports that are part of the election day precinct results. The number of tabulators and poll books must conform to the manner in which the county clerk programs tabulators for use in an election day vote center.

(6) An elector who is in line at a city or township clerk's office, including a satellite office of that city or township clerk, by 8 p.m. on election day to register to vote or update a voter registration must be allowed to complete the voter registration transaction and be allowed to cast a ballot immediately after that transaction at that city or township election day vote center. The election inspectors at an election day vote center must allow an elector who was issued a voter registration receipt at the city or township clerk's office on election day and who is in line at that election day vote center by 8 p.m. on election day to cast a ballot, including after 11:59 p.m. on election day if necessary.

(7) The election inspectors at an election day vote center must follow the same process required at an election day polling place after the last elector in line casts a ballot.

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