A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

by amending sections 471, 477, 479, and 482 (MCL 168.471, 168.477, 168.479, and 168.482), section 471 as amended by 1999 PA 219, section 477 as amended by 2012 PA 276, and section 482 as amended by 1998 PA 142, and by adding sections 482a, 482b, 482c, and 482d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 471. Petitions under section 2 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963 proposing an amendment to the constitution shall MUST be filed with the secretary of state at least 120 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. Initiative petitions under section 9 of article II of the state constitution of 1963 shall MUST be filed with the secretary of state at least 160 days before the election.
at which the proposed law is to be voted upon. Referendum petitions
under section 9 of article II of the state constitution of 1963
shall MUST be filed with the secretary of state not more than 90
days following the final adjournment of the legislative session at
which the law that is the subject of the referendum was enacted.
NOT MORE THAN 15% OF THE PETITION SIGNATURES FOR A PETITION
DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION MAY COME FROM ANY 1 CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT. WHEN FILING A PETITION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE, A PERSON MUST SORT THE PETITION SO THAT THE
PETITION SIGNATURES ARE CATEGORIZED BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. IN
ADDITION, WHEN FILING A PETITION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE, THE PERSON WHO FILES THE PETITION MUST CERTIFY
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES
FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DOES NOT EXCEED THE LIMIT
DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION. ANY SIGNATURE OBTAINED ON A PETITION
ABOVE THE LIMIT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION IS INVALID AND MUST NOT
BE COUNTED.

Sec. 477. (1) The—EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS
SUBSECTION, THE board of state canvassers shall make an official
declaration of the sufficiency or insufficiency of a petition under
this chapter at least 2 months before the election at which the
proposal is to be submitted. THE BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS SHALL
MAKE AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE SUFFICIENCY OR INSUFFICIENCY OF
AN INITIATIVE PETITION NO LATER THAN 100 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION
AT WHICH THE PROPOSAL IS TO BE SUBMITTED. If the board of state
canvassers declares that the petition is sufficient, the secretary
of state shall send copies of the statement of purpose of the
proposal as approved by the board of state canvassers to the
several daily and weekly newspapers published in this state, with
the request that the newspapers give as wide publicity as possible
to the proposed amendment or other question. Publication of any
matter by any newspaper under this section shall must be without
expense or cost to the state of Michigan.

(2) For the purposes of the second paragraph of section 9 of
article II of the state constitution of 1963, a law that is the
subject of the referendum continues to be effective until the
referendum is properly invoked, which occurs when the board of
state canvassers makes its official declaration of the sufficiency
of the referendum petition. The board of state canvassers shall
complete the canvass of a referendum petition within 60 days after
the petition is filed with the secretary of state, except that 1
15-day extension may be granted by the secretary of state if
necessary to complete the canvass.

Sec. 479. (1) Any person or persons, feeling themselves aggrieved by any
determination made by the board of state canvassers may have such
determination reviewed by mandamus, certiorari, or other
appropriate remedy in the supreme court.

(2) If a person feels aggrieved by any determination made by
the board of state canvassers regarding the sufficiency or
insufficiency of an initiative petition, the person must file a
legal challenge to the board's determination in the supreme court
within 7 business days after the date of the official declaration
of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the initiative petition. Any
LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE SUFFICIENCY OR
INSUFFICIENCY OF AN INITIATIVE PETITION HAS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY
AND SHALL BE ADVANCED ON THE SUPREME COURT DOCKET SO AS TO PROVIDE
FOR THE EarLIEST POSSIBLE DISPOSITION.

Sec. 482. (1) Each petition under this section shall MUST be
8-1/2 inches by 14 inches in size.

(2) If the measure to be submitted proposes a constitutional
amendment, initiation of legislation, or referendum of legislation,
the heading of each part of the petition shall MUST be prepared in
the following form and printed in capital letters in 14-point
boldfaced type:

INITIATIVE PETITION
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
OR
INITIATION OF LEGISLATION
OR
REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION
PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

(3) The full text of the amendment so proposed shall MUST
follow and be printed in 8-point type. IN ADDITION, A SUMMARY IN
NOT MORE THAN 100 WORDS OF THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OR
QUESTION PROPOSED MUST FOLLOW AND BE PRINTED IN 12-POINT TYPE. If
the proposal would alter or abrogate an existing provision of the
constitution, the petition shall MUST so state and the provisions
to be altered or abrogated shall MUST be inserted, preceded by the
words:

"Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by
the proposal if adopted."

(4) The following statement shall appear beneath the petition heading:

"We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the city township (strike 1) of .......... in the county of .........., state of Michigan, respectively petition for (amendment to constitution) (initiation of legislation) (referendum of legislation) (other appropriate description).".

(5) The following warning shall be printed in 12-point type immediately above the place for signatures, on each part of the petition:

WARNING

A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

(6) The remainder of the petition form shall be as provided following the warning to electors signing the petition in section 544c(1). In addition, the petition shall comply with the requirements of section 544c(2).

(7) Each petition under this section must clearly indicate at the top of the page and be printed in 12-point type whether the circulator of the petition is a paid signature gatherer or a
VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE GATHERER.

(8) EACH PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION MUST CLEARLY INDICATE
BELOW THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (7) AND BE PRINTED IN
12-POINT TYPE THAT IF THE PETITION CIRCULATOR DOES NOT COMPLY WITH
ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT FOR PETITION CIRCULATORS, ANY
SIGNATURE OBTAINED BY THAT PETITION CIRCULATOR ON THAT PETITION IS
INVALID AND WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

SEC. 482A. (1) IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CIRCULATES A PETITION
UNDER SECTION 482 IS A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER, THEN THAT
INDIVIDUAL MUST, BEFORE CIRCULATING ANY PETITIONS, FILE A SIGNED
AFFIDAVIT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT INDICATES HE OR SHE IS A
PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER.

(2) ANY SIGNATURE OBTAINED ON A PETITION UNDER SECTION 482 BY
AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT FILED THE REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT UNDER
SUBSECTION (1) IS INVALID AND MUST NOT BE COUNTED.

(3) IF THE CIRCULATOR OF A PETITION UNDER SECTION 482 PROVIDES
OR USES A FALSE ADDRESS OR PROVIDES ANY FRAUDULENT INFORMATION ON
THE CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR, ANY SIGNATURE OBTAINED BY THAT
CIRCULATOR ON THAT PETITION IS INVALID AND MUST NOT BE COUNTED.

(4) IF A PETITION UNDER SECTION 482 IS CIRCULATED AND THE
PETITION DOES NOT MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 482,
ANY SIGNATURE OBTAINED ON THAT PETITION IS INVALID AND MUST NOT BE
COUNTED.

(5) ANY SIGNATURE OBTAINED ON A PETITION UNDER SECTION 482
THAT WAS NOT SIGNED IN THE CIRCULATOR'S PRESENCE IS INVALID AND
MUST NOT BE COUNTED.

SEC. 482B. A PERSON WHO CIRCULATES A PETITION UNDER SECTION
482 MAY, BEFORE CIRCULATING ANY PETITIONS, SUBMIT THE SUMMARY OF
THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OR QUESTION PROPOSED THAT IS
REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 482(3) TO THE BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS FOR
APPROVAL AS TO THE CONTENT OF THE SUMMARY.

SEC. 482C. THE CIRCULATOR OF A PETITION UNDER SECTION 482 WHO
KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS OR HER STATUS AS A
PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE GATHERER IS GUILTY
OF A MISDEMEANOR.

SEC. 482D. AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER, "PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER"
MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS COMPENSATED THROUGH PAYMENTS OF MONEY OR
OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES ON A PETITION AS
DESCRIBED IN SECTION 471.