

HOUSE BILL No. 4652

April 24, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Koetje, Birkholz, Middaugh, Meyer, Voorhees and Jansen and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 47 (MCL 168.47).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 47. (1) The electors of president and vice-president
2 shall convene in the senate chamber at the STATE capitol ~~of the~~
3 ~~state~~ at 2 p.m. ~~, eastern standard time,~~ on the first Monday
4 after the second Wednesday in December following their election.
5 At any time before receipt of the certificate of the governor or
6 within 48 hours ~~thereafter~~ AFTER RECEIPT, an elector may resign
7 by submitting his OR HER written and verified resignation to the
8 governor. Failure to ~~so~~ resign signifies consent to serve and
9 to cast his OR HER vote for the candidates for president and
10 vice-president appearing on the Michigan ballot of the political
11 party which nominated ~~him~~ THE ELECTOR.

1 (2) ~~Refusal or failure~~ IF THE ELECTOR REFUSES OR FAILS to
2 vote for the candidates for president and vice-president appear-
3 ing on the Michigan ballot of the political party ~~which~~ THAT
4 nominated the elector, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL OCCUR:

5 (A) IT constitutes ~~a~~ THE ELECTOR'S resignation from the
6 office of elector. ~~, his~~

7 (B) THE ELECTOR'S vote shall not be recorded. ~~and the~~

8 (C) THE remaining electors shall ~~forthwith~~ IMMEDIATELY
9 fill the vacancy.

10 (D) THE ELECTOR SHALL BE FINED \$1,000.00.

11 (3) The ballot used by the elector shall bear the name of
12 the elector. If at the time of convening there is ~~any~~ A
13 vacancy caused by death, resignation, refusal or failure to vote,
14 ~~neglect~~ FAILURE to attend, ~~or~~ ineligibility of ~~any~~ A person
15 elected, or for ~~any other~~ ANOTHER cause, the qualified electors
16 of president and vice-president shall ~~proceed to~~ fill ~~such~~
17 THE vacancy by ballot, by a plurality of votes. When all the
18 electors appear and the vacancy ~~shall be~~ IS filled, they shall
19 ~~proceed to~~ perform the duties of ~~such~~ electors, as required
20 by the constitution and laws of the United States. If congress
21 ~~hereafter fixes~~ ESTABLISHES a different day for ~~such meeting~~
22 THE CONVENING, the electors shall meet and give their votes on
23 the day designated by ~~act of~~ congress.