

SENATE BILL No. 975

January 24, 2006, Introduced by Senators BISHOP, CROPSEY, HAMMERSTROM, BROWN, KUIPERS, JELINEK, McMANUS, BIRKHOLZ, PATTERSON, SANBORN, GILBERT, TOY, CASSIS, GARCIA, STAMAS, GEORGE, GOSCHKA, JOHNSON and ALLEN and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 474a (MCL 168.474a), as amended by 1999 PA 219.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 474a. (1) The ~~board of state canvassers~~ **STATE DIRECTOR**
2 **OF ELECTIONS** shall assign a number designation to appear on the
3 ballot for each question to be submitted on a statewide basis. The
4 designation shall be assigned not less than 60 days before the
5 election. If the question is to appear on a general election ballot
6 the designation shall not be assigned earlier than the primary
7 election preceding that general election.

8 (2) The number designation under subsection (1) shall consist
9 of 3 or 4 digits. The first 2 digits shall be the last 2 digits of

1 the year of the election. The next digit or, if necessary, 2 digits
2 shall indicate the chronological order in which the question was
3 filed to appear on the ballot. For the purposes of this subsection,
4 a question shall be considered to be filed to appear on the ballot
5 as follows:

6 (a) A general revision of the constitution under section 3 of
7 article XII of the state constitution of 1963 shall be considered
8 to be the first question filed to appear on the ballot for those
9 elections at which a general revision of the constitution will
10 appear on the ballot.

11 (b) An amendment to the constitution proposed under section 2
12 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963, legislation
13 initiated under section 9 of article II of the state constitution
14 of 1963, or a referendum invoked under section 9 of article II of
15 the state constitution of 1963 shall be considered to be filed to
16 appear on the ballot when the petition is filed with the secretary
17 of state.

18 (c) An amendment to the constitution proposed under section 1
19 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963 shall be
20 considered to be filed to appear on the ballot when the joint
21 resolution proposing the amendment is filed with the secretary of
22 state.

23 (d) A referendum under section 34 of article IV of the state
24 constitution of 1963 shall be considered to be filed to appear on
25 the ballot when the legislation is filed with the secretary of
26 state.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect

1 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
2 enacted into law:

3 (a) Senate Bill No. 973.

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5 (b) Senate Bill No. 974.

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7 (c) Senate Bill No. 976.

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9 (d) House Bill No. 5650.

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11 (e) House Bill No. 5648.

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13 (f) House Bill No. 5649.

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