

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 952

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 482 (MCL 168.482), as amended by 1998 PA 142.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 482. (1) Each petition under this section shall be 8-
2 1/2 inches by 14 inches in size. **THE PETITION FORMAT SHALL BE**
3 **ARRANGED HORIZONTALLY ON THE SHEET.**

4 (2) If the measure to be submitted proposes a constitutional
5 amendment, initiation of legislation, or referendum of
6 legislation, the heading of each part of the petition shall be
7 prepared in the following form and printed in capital letters in
8 14-point boldfaced type:

9 INITIATIVE PETITION

1 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

2 OR

3 INITIATION OF LEGISLATION

4 OR

5 REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION

6 PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

7 (3) The full text of the ~~amendment so proposed~~ **AMENDMENT TO**
 8 **THE CONSTITUTION, PROPOSED LAW, OR LAW THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE**
 9 **REFERENDUM** shall ~~follow and be~~ printed **ON THE PETITION** in 8-point
 10 type ~~. If the proposal would alter or abrogate an existing~~
 11 ~~provision of the constitution, the petition shall so state and~~
 12 ~~the provisions to be altered or abrogated shall be inserted,~~
 13 ~~preceded by the words:~~ **AS FOLLOWS:**

14 ~~—"Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by~~
 15 ~~the proposal if adopted."~~

16 (A) IF THE PETITION INVOLVES A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
 17 CONSTITUTION, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERENDUM THAT INCLUDES
 18 ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PROVISIONS OF LAW, THE ALTERATIONS SHALL
 19 BE PRESENTED BY SHOWING ANY LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE ADDED TO THE
 20 PROVISION IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND ANY LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE
 21 DELETED FROM THE PROVISION STRUCK OUT WITH A LINE.

22 (B) THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
 23 CONSTITUTION, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERRED LAW SHALL APPEAR ON THE
 24 SIGNATURE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET AFTER AN INTRODUCTION
 25 SPECIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OR THE TITLE AND
 26 PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT THE PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO ALTER,
 27 ABROGATE, OR CREATE.

(C) IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERRED LAW IS TOO LENGTHY TO PRINT IN THE AVAILABLE SPACE ON THE SIGNATURE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET, A STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROPOSAL SHALL APPEAR ON THE SIGNATURE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET AFTER AN INTRODUCTION SPECIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OR THE TITLE AND PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT THE PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO ALTER, ABROGATE, OR CREATE. THE STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE LIMITED TO WORDS AND PHRASES THAT OBJECTIVELY DELINEATE THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE WORDS OR PHRASES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE PASSAGE OF THE PROPOSAL. A REFERENCE SHALL BE MADE TO THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET FOR THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERRED LAW. THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERRED LAW SHALL APPEAR ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET AFTER AN INTRODUCTION SPECIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OR THE TITLE AND PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT THE PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO ALTER, ABROGATE, OR CREATE.

(D) IF THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERRED LAW IS TOO LENGTHY TO BE PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET, THE LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, PROPOSED LAW, OR REFERRED LAW SHALL BE CONTINUED ON A FOLD-OVER EXTENSION TO THE PETITION SHEET. THE FOLD-OVER EXTENSION SHALL NOT BE REMOVED PRIOR TO THE FILING OF THE PETITION.

(E) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT SHALL APPEAR IN 8-POINT TYPE ON

1 THE SIGNATURE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET AFTER THE INFORMATION
2 REQUIRED UNDER SUBDIVISIONS (B) AND (C):

3 "THIS PROPOSAL IS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NOVEMBER [DATE OF
4 ELECTION] GENERAL ELECTION.".

5 (4) The following statement shall appear beneath the
6 petition heading **IN 8-POINT TYPE**:

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

14 (5) The following warning shall be printed in 12-point
15 **BOLDFACED** type immediately above the place for signatures: ~~on~~
16 ~~each part of the petition.~~

17 WARNING

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

24 (6) **THE FOLLOWING NOTICE SHALL BE PRINTED IN 12-POINT**
25 **BOLDFACED TYPE IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE PLACE FOR SIGNATURES:**

NOTICE

READ THE PROPOSAL CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THE PETITION. THE PROPOSAL AND ANY STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROPOSAL THAT APPEAR ON THE PETITION WERE WRITTEN BY THE SPONSOR OF THE PROPOSAL. IF A STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROPOSAL APPEARS ON THE PETITION, IT MAY NOT FULLY EXPLAIN THE EFFECT THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE IF ADOPTED.

(7) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8), THE FOLLOWING WITH 15 NUMBERED LINES SHALL BE PRINTED IN 8-POINT TYPE IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE NOTICE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6):

PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
			MO.	DAY	YEAR

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

NUMBERED LINES AS ABOVE

(8) THE NUMBER OF LINES APPEARING ON A PETITION SHEET UNDER SUBSECTION (7) FOR SIGNERS TO ENTER THEIR CURSIVE SIGNATURE, PRINTED NAME, STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE, ZIP CODE, AND DATE OF SIGNING MAY BE REDUCED TO NOT LESS THAN 7 LINES.

(9) THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE SHALL BE PRINTED IN 8-POINT TYPE IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER OF THE SIGNATURE SIDE OF THE PETITION SHEET:

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

I, THE CIRCULATOR OF THIS PETITION, ASSERT THAT I WAS QUALIFIED TO BE AN ELECTOR IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WHEN I BEGAN CIRCULATING THIS PETITION; THAT EACH SIGNATURE ON THE PETITION WAS SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE; THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, EACH SIGNATURE IS THE GENUINE SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON PURPORTING TO SIGN THE PETITION; AND THAT EACH PERSON SIGNING THE PETITION WAS AT THE TIME OF SIGNING A QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTOR OF THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP INDICATED ON THE PETITION.

(10) THE FOLLOWING WARNING SHALL BE PRINTED IN 12-POINT BOLD FACED TYPE IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER OF THE PETITION SHEET IMMEDIATELY BENEATH THE CERTIFICATE OF THE CIRCULATOR:

WARNING

A CIRCULATOR WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE, A PERSON NOT A CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS AS A CIRCULATOR, OR A PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN AS A CIRCULATOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

(11) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHALL BE PRINTED IN 8-POINT TYPE IN THE LOWER RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF THE PETITION SHEET FOR THE PETITION CIRCULATOR TO ENTER HIS OR HER SIGNATURE, STREET NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE, CITY OR TOWNSHIP WHERE QUALIFIED TO BE REGISTERED, ZIP CODE, AND DATE OF SIGNING:

_____/_____
(SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR) (DATE)

1 _____
 2 (CITY OR TOWNSHIP WHERE QUALIFIED TO BE A MICHIGAN ELECTOR)

3 _____
 4 COMPLETE RESIDENCE ADDRESS (ZIP CODE)
 5 (STREET AND NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE)

6 (12) THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE PRINTED IN 12-POINT BOLDFACED
 7 TYPE AND APPEAR ABOVE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
 8 (11):

9 "CIRCULATOR - DO NOT SIGN OR DATE THE CERTIFICATE UNTIL
 10 AFTER CIRCULATING THE PETITION."

11 (13) ~~(6) The remainder of the petition form shall be as~~
 12 ~~provided following the warning to electors signing the petition~~
 13 ~~in section 544c(1). In addition, the~~ THE petition shall comply
 14 with the requirements of section 544c(2).

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
 16 unless Senate Bill No. 954 of the 95th Legislature is enacted
 17 into law.

18 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect
 19 November 15, 2010.