PRIMARY ELECTION FOR NOMINATION OF VILLAGE OFFICERS
Act 144 of 1921

AN ACT to provide a primary election system for the nomination of village officers; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

History: 1921, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—Am. 1998, Act 157, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

200.61 Primary elections for nomination of village officers; referendum on act.

Sec. 1. The village council of any village in the state, upon petition of 10 per centum of the qualified voters thereof, shall submit the question as to whether said village shall come under the provisions of this act and if adopted by a majority vote of the qualified voters participating in said election then this act shall be in force and effect and the nomination of all candidates of all political parties or organizations for village offices shall be conducted as herein provided.

History: 1921, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 2966;—CL 1948, 200.61.

200.61a Violation of MCL 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.

Sec. 1a. A petition under section 1 or 3, including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

History: Add. 1998, Act 157, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

200.62 Village caucus; time, vote by ballot, general election law applicable.

Sec. 2. The caucus for such nomination shall be open from 2 o'clock p.m. to 8 o'clock p.m. on the day designated therefor. All votes cast at such caucus shall be by ballot, and all laws applicable to the furnishing of ballots and the depositing, counting, and canvassing of the same, provided by general law for the election of such village officers are hereby made applicable for such caucus: Provided, That the village council may direct that the polls of said caucus be held open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. on the day designated therefor.

History: 1921, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 2967;—CL 1948, 200.62.

200.63 Separate party ballots; nomination petitions.

Sec. 3. There shall be separate ballots for the nomination of candidates for each political party or organization in such village. In order to secure the placing of his or her name upon any ballot it shall be necessary for such candidate to file with the village clerk, not less than 10 days before the date designated for the holding of such caucus, a petition signed by not less than 1 nor more than 4 per centum of the electors of such village as shown by the registration books thereof, asking that his or her name be placed upon such ballot and designating the office and the political party or organization upon whose ballot he or she desires to have such name so placed.

History: 1921, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 2968;—CL 1948, 200.63.

200.64 Candidates declared nominees.

Sec. 4. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes on each political party ballot, for the office designated, shall be declared the nominees for such offices of such party at the ensuing annual village election.

History: 1921, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 2969;—CL 1948, 200.64.

200.65 Return to former system of nomination.

Sec. 5. Any village adopting the provisions of this act may at any time thereafter return to the system of nominating candidates for office as provided under the general election laws of the state by following the same procedure as provided in this act for adopting the provisions thereof: Provided, That such action to return to the system of nominating candidates under the general election law shall be made only upon a petition signed by 10 per centum of the qualified electors of such village.

History: 1921, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;—CL 1929, 2970;—CL 1948, 200.65.

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