

ACTIONS INVOLVING ELECTIONS
Act 161 of 1969

AN ACT to regulate the filing of certain actions involving elections.

History: 1969, Act 161, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

***** 691.1031 THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2025: See 691.1031.amended *****

691.1031 Actions involving elections; filing, laches.

Sec. 1. In all civil actions brought in any circuit court of this state affecting elections, dates of elections, candidates, qualifications of candidates, ballots or questions on ballots, there shall be a rebuttable presumption of laches if the action is commenced less than 28 days prior to the date of the election affected. This section shall not apply to actions brought after the date of the affected election.

History: 1969, Act 161, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970.

***** 691.1031.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2025 *****

691.1031.amended Actions involving elections; filing, laches.

Sec. 1. In a civil action brought in any court of this state affecting elections, dates of elections, candidates, qualifications of candidates, ballots or questions on ballots, or polling places, drop box locations, or early voting locations that are established by the applicable deadline, there is a rebuttable presumption of laches if the action is commenced less than 45 days before the date of the election affected. This section does not apply to an action brought after the date of the affected election.

History: 1969, Act 161, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970;—Am. 2024, Act 222, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.

***** 691.1032 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 222 OF 2024 EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2025 *****

691.1032 Actions involving elections; exceptions.

Sec. 2. This act shall not apply to actions based upon acts of the state legislature or the legislative body of any county, city, village or township when such acts take effect less than 28 days before the date of election.

History: 1969, Act 161, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970.