

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**  
Chapter XXVI  
DELEGATESâ€”REFERENDUM

**168.621 Party convention delegates; nomination.**

**Popular Name:** Election Code

**168.622 County conventions; time and place; election and duties of chairperson; vacancies; rules and regulations.**

**Compiler's Notes:** <Paragraph><P>Section 2 of Act 116 of 1988 provides:</P></Paragraph><Paragraph><P>â€œIf any portion of this amendatory act or the application of this amendatory act to any person or circumstances shall be found to be invalid by a court, the invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this amendatory act which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, if the remaining portions are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end this amendatory act is declared to be severable.â€</P></Paragraph>

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**168.623 Repealed. 1972, Act 60, Imd. Eff. Feb. 22, 1972.**

**Compiler's Notes:** <Paragraph><P>The repealed section pertained to the election of delegates to fall county conventions.</P></Paragraph>

**Popular Name:** Election Code

**168.623a Mailing or delivering certificate showing number of delegates to county convention; time; notice; failure to forward certificate; allotment and apportionment of delegates; election of delegates by direct vote.**

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**168.624 Delegate to county or district conventions; qualifications; affidavit of identity; seating of delegates; violation as misdemeanor; complaint; procedure.**

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officially declared the sufficiency of the referendum petition on May 14, 2002. Const 1963, art 2, sec 9, provides that no law as to which the power of referendum properly has been invoked shall be effective thereafter unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at the next general election. A referendum on Act 269 of 2001 was presented to the electors at the November 5, 2002, general election as Proposal 02-1, which read as follows:

**A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 269 OF 2001**

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW

Public Act 269 of 2001 would:

- Eliminate the straight party vote option on partisan general election ballots.
- Require Secretary of State to obtain training reports from local election officials.
- Require registered voters who do not appear on registration list to show picture identification before voting a challenged ballot.
- Require expedited canvass if presidential vote differential is under 25,000.
- Require ballot counting equipment to screen ballots for voting errors to ensure the accurate tabulation of absentee ballots. Permit voters in polls to correct errors.
- Provide penalties for stealing campaign signs or accepting payment for campaign work while being paid as a public employee to perform election duties.

Should this law be approved?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Act 269 of 2001 was not approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at the November 5, 2002, general election.

**Popular Name:** Election Code

**168.624a Precinct delegate; resignation; notice; withdrawal of name from ballot; qualification of delegate to participate in convention; complaint regarding qualification of delegate; report; certification that delegate not qualified to hold office.**

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**168.624b, 168.624c Repealed. 1983, Act 181, Imd. Eff. Oct. 25, 1983.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed sections pertained to including name of presidential candidate in nominating petition and to filing or withdrawal of candidate for delegate.

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**168.624d Filling vacancies in precincts.**

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#### **168.624e Expired. 1972, Act 185, Eff. Jan. 1, 1973.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The expired section pertained to reimbursement of costs of presidential primary election.

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#### **168.624f Repealed. 1983, Act 181, Imd. Eff. Oct. 25, 1983.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section pertained to reimbursement of costs of conducting presidential primary election.

**Popular Name:** Election Code

#### **168.624g Cost of conducting presidential primary election; reimbursement; payment upon presentation and approval of verified account; excluded costs; appropriation; qualification for reimbursement; payment or disapproval of verified account.**

**Compiler's Notes:** See Green Party of Michigan, et al v Terri Lynn Land, case no. 08-10149, March 26, 2008.

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#### **168.625 Voting delegate ballot; returns; notice; furnishing names and addresses of delegates to county convention; tie vote; determination of successful candidate; determining if candidate is registered elector.**

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#### **168.626 Ballots; preparation; consecutive numbering; contents; paper; printing; rotation of names prohibited; delivery; distribution; time; voting machines.**

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