# MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)

Act 116 of 1954 Chapter XXXVI

Chapter XXXV RECALL

168.951 Officers subject to recall; time for filing recall petition; performance of duties until result of recall election certified.

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168.951a Recall petition under MCL 168.959; requirements; submission to board of state canvassers; determination that reason for recall is factual and of sufficient clarity; notice; meeting; presentation of arguments; appeal; validity of petition.

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168.952 Recall petition under MCL 168.960; requirements; submission to board of county election commissioners; determination that reason for recall is factual and of sufficient clarity; notice; meeting; presentation of arguments; appeal; validity of petition.

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168.952a Recall petitions; blank forms; substantial compliance.

Popular Name: Election Code

168.952b Recall petition; time for submission to board of state canvassers or board of county election commissioners.

168.953 Repealed. 1976, Act 66, Imd. Eff. Apr. 2, 1976. Compiler's Notes: <Paragraph><P>The repealed section pertained to modifying form of recall petition.</P></Paragraph> Popular Name: Election Code 168.954 Recall petitions; eligibility of signers; prohibited conduct; violations; misdemeanor; felony; penalties. Popular Name: Election Code 168.955 Recall petition; number of signatures; certification. Popular Name: Election Code 168.956 Repealed. 1976, Act 66, Imd. Eff. Apr. 2, 1976. Compiler's Notes: <Paragraph><P>The repealed section pertained to signatures on recall petition.</P></Paragraph> Popular Name: Election Code 168.957 Recall petition; certificate of circulator; false statement; misdemeanor. Popular Name: Election Code 168.958 Recall petition sheet; signature of qualified and registered electors; location for signing; signature of person not qualified and registered elector. Popular Name: Election Code 168.958a Separate petitions required. Popular Name: Election Code

168.959 Recall of senators, representatives, elective state officers, county officials, or secretary of state; filing petitions.

Popular Name: Election Code

168.960 Recall of elective county commissioner or township, city, village, or school official; recall of elective district library board member; filing petition; recall of elective metropolitan district officer.

Popular Name: Election Code

168.961 Recall petition; filing; receipt; duties of filing official; duties of city or township clerk; certificate; duties of village clerk; use of qualified voter file.

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168.961a Notice to officer whose recall is sought; challenge; checking signatures; verifying challenged signature; use of qualified voter file.

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168.962 Repealed. 1978, Act 533, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1978.

**Compiler's Notes:** <Paragraph><P>The repealed section pertained to insufficiency of recall petitions.</P></Paragraph>

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168.963 Sufficiency or insufficiency of recall petition; determination; notice; recall election; recall primary election; special recall election.

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168.964 Repealed. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

Compiler's Notes: <Paragraph><P>The repealed section pertained to procedures governing recall elections.</P></Paragraph>
Popular Name: Election Code

168.965 Recall of officer with election duties; appointment of impartial public officer.

Popular Name: Election Code

168.966 Repealed. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

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168.967 Recall elections; payment of expenses.

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168.968 Canvass of recall election.

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## 168.969 Further recall petition; filing.

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168.970 Repealed. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

Compiler's Notes: <Paragraph><P>The repealed section pertained to vacancy due to recall of officer.</P></Paragraph>
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# 168.970a Applicability of MCL 168.970b to 168.970g.

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#### 168.970b Incumbent as nominee.

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168.970c Recall primary election; filing nominating petition or paying fee; incumbent as nominee.

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#### 168.970e Recall primary election; declaration of nominee; candidate without political party affiliation.

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## 168.970g Candidate receiving highest number of votes; election.

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## 168.971 Repealed. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

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#### 168.971a Applicability of MCL 168.971c to 168.975.

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168.971c Incumbent deemed to have filed; appearance of name on ballot.

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168.972 Nominating and voting for candidate for nonpartisan office; signing and filing nominating petition; signing, contents, and filing of recall petition.

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168.973 Repealed. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

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## 168.973a Nominating candidate for partisan office.

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168.974 Repealed. 2012, Act 417, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 2012.

**Compiler's Notes:** < Paragraph >< P>The repealed section pertained to officer who resigned or was recalled prohibited from filling vacancy.

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168.975 Candidate deemed elected.

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## 168.975a Applicability of MCL168.975c to 168.975g; special recall election for office of governor.

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## 168.975c Recall of governor; procedure.

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168.975e Recall of governor; statement of reason; condensed statement; justification of conduct in office; submission by governor; printing on special recall election ballot; certain words on ballot prohibited; question.

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## 168.975g Majority of votes in favor of recall; certification of result; replacement of governor.

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## 168.976 Recall election; laws governing.

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# 168.977 Appointment of officer who was recalled or resigned prohibited.

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