

**THE GENERAL LAW VILLAGE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 3 of 1895**  
Chapter III  
ELECTIONS.

**63.1 Election; exception; place.**

Sec. 1.

(1) An election under this act shall be held at a place in the village as the council designates.

(2) Notwithstanding a charter provision or ordinance providing otherwise, the day on which a village holds its regular or a special election is governed by the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, or by a resolution adopted in compliance with section 642 or 642a of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.642 and 168.642a.

**History:** 1895, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 19, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2714 ;-- CL 1915, 2584 ;-- CL 1929, 1494 ;-- CL 1948, 63.1 ;-- Am. 1973, Act 148, Imd. Eff. Nov. 21, 1973 ;-- Am. 2003, Act 305, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005 ;-- Am. 2004, Act 300, Imd. Eff. July 23, 2004

**63.2 Special election; resolution.**

Sec. 2.

Special elections may be called by resolution of the council. The resolution shall state the purpose and object of and, subject to section 1 of this chapter, the date of the election.

**History:** 1895, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 19, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2715 ;-- CL 1915, 2585 ;-- CL 1929, 1495 ;-- CL 1948, 63.2 ;-- Am. 1998, Act 255, Imd. Eff. July 13, 1998 ;-- Am. 2003, Act 305, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005

**63.3 Village elections as nonpartisan.**

Sec. 3.

Notwithstanding a charter provision or ordinance to the contrary, village elections shall be nonpartisan.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 255, Imd. Eff. July 13, 1998 ;-- Am. 2003, Act 305, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005

**Compiler's Notes:** Former MCL 63.3, which pertained to election inspectors, was repealed by Act 4 of 1974, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1974.

**63.4 Voting requirements.**

Sec. 4.

An individual who is a registered elector of the township in which the village is located and who is a resident of the village may vote at any election in the village.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 255, Imd. Eff. July 13, 1998

**Compiler's Notes:** Former MCL 63.4, which pertained to election notices, was repealed by Act 4 of 1974, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1974.

**63.5, 63.6 Repealed. 1974, Act 4, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1974.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed sections pertained to board of elections commissioners, and opening and closing of polls.

**63.7 Conduct of election; designation of term on ballot.**

Sec. 7.

(1) All elections in the village shall be conducted as nearly as may be in the manner provided by the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, for holding general elections in the state, except as provided in this act.

(2) If at any election vacancies are to be filled, or if any person is to be elected for less than a full term of office, the term shall be designated on the ballot.

**History:** 1895, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 19, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 2720 ;-- CL 1915, 2590 ;-- CL 1929, 1500 ;-- CL 1948, 63.7 ;-- Am. 1998, Act 255, Imd. Eff. July 13, 1998 ;-- Am. 2003, Act 305, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005

**63.8-63.12 Repealed. 1974, Act 4, Imd. Eff. Jan. 30, 1974.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed sections pertained to canvass of votes, determination of election results and ties, notice to elected persons, and failure to file oath or bond.

**63.13 Repealed. 1998, Act 255, Imd. Eff. July 13, 1998.**

**Compiler's Notes:** The repealed section pertained to division of villages into precincts.

**63.14 Violation of MCL 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.**

Sec. 14.

A petition under section 13 of chapter II, section 8 of chapter V, or section 18a of chapter XIV, 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 145, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999