

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

CANVASSING OF PRIMARY RETURNS

168.581 Primary elections; canvass of returns and declaration of results.

Sec. 581. (1) The returns of a primary election must be canvassed and the results declared in the same manner and within the same time after the primary election and by the same officers as provided for general elections. For a primary election for the nomination of a candidate for the office of United States Senator, governor, or for the nomination of candidates for district offices in districts comprising more than 1 county, the county clerk of each county affected shall transmit to the secretary of state, within 14 days after the primary election, a certified statement of the number of votes received by each individual for nomination as a candidate of any political party for any of the offices.

(2) The secretary of the board of state canvassers shall call a meeting of the board of state canvassers not later than 20 days after the primary election. The secretary of state shall immediately certify to the chairperson and secretary of the state central committee of each political party for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the primary election for the nomination of the candidates for those offices.

(3) The board of state canvassers shall proceed in the same manner in canvassing the returns and in certifying, recording, and determining results of a primary election for the nomination of candidates for United States Senator and governor as is done in canvassing the returns in the case of the election of state officials.

(4) In canvassing the returns of a primary election for the nomination of candidates for the offices of Representative in Congress, state senator, and representatives in the legislature, in districts composed of more than 1 county, the board of state canvassers shall proceed in the same manner as is done in canvassing the returns for the election of Representatives in Congress.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1959, Act 173, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960;—Am. 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 57, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963;—Am. 2023, Act 269, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024.

Popular name: Election Code

168.582 Person voted for on party ballot whose name is not printed on ballot and who has not filed nominating petition; votes required for nomination.

Sec. 582. A person who is voted for on a party ballot for a state, district, township, county, city, or ward office or for the office of United States senator or representative in Congress whose name is not printed on the ballot and who has not filed a nominating petition for the office voted for, shall not be considered nominated as the candidate of the party for the office, nor be certified as a nominee unless the person receives a total vote equal to not less than .15 of 1% of the total population, as reflected by the last official federal census, of the district for which nomination is sought, but not less than 10 votes for the office, or a total vote equal to 5% of the greatest number of votes cast by the party for any office at the primary in the state, congressional, or other district, township, county, city, or ward, for a candidate or for all candidates for nomination for an office for which only 1 person is to be nominated, whichever is greater. However, for an office to which more than 1 candidate is to be elected, the 5% limitation shall be based upon the greatest number of votes cast at the primary for any candidate for the same office.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1957, Act 226, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957;—Am. 1980, Act 160, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1980.

Popular name: Election Code

168.583 Primary election day; service of civil process on electors prohibited.

Sec. 583. During the day on which any primary election shall be held, pursuant to the provisions of law, no civil process shall be served on any elector entitled to vote at such primary election.

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