

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.720f Municipal agreement requirements; appointment of coordinator and election inspectors; early voting poll book; days and hours of early voting; withdrawal from agreement.

Sec. 720f. (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the provisions that must be included in a municipal agreement. The provisions must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (a) The name of each municipality that is a party to the agreement.
 - (b) The number of precincts in each participating municipality.
 - (c) The name of the coordinator who will organize and monitor the administrative requirements of early voting for the participating municipalities.
 - (d) The process for approving early voting sites, in accordance with section 662, by 1 or more legislative bodies of the participating municipalities.
 - (e) The board of election commissioners of the participating municipalities that will appoint, pursuant to section 674, the election inspectors for each early voting site.
 - (f) The process for approving early voting hours for the required 9 consecutive days of early voting, and the process for approving any additional days and hours of early voting.
 - (g) The communication strategy for informing electors of the opportunity for early voting, and for publicizing each early voting site, along with the dates and hours of operation of each early voting site.
 - (h) The process to ensure that the secretary of state has the information necessary to include the location, along with the dates and hours of operation, of each early voting site on the department of state's website.
 - (i) The process for developing the early voting budget and cost sharing procedures.
 - (j) The process for determining the number of tabulators and early voting poll books that are necessary at each early voting site and the name of each municipality that will provide those tabulators and early voting poll books.
 - (k) The name of the board of election commissioners that will conduct testing of the electronic voting equipment.
 - (l) The name of the clerk who shall download the early voting poll book.
 - (m) The supervision and staffing of each early voting site on each day of early voting.
 - (n) Information on how a receiving board or group of election inspectors will be appointed to canvass the early vote returns on election day and report early voting results to the county clerk.
 - (o) The process for a participating municipality to withdraw from the agreement.
- (2) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in a municipal agreement shall appoint a coordinator to organize and monitor the administrative requirements of early voting. The coordinator must be a clerk, or a member of the clerk's staff, of a municipality that is a party to the agreement. The coordinator shall provide oversight to ensure sufficient resources are available and are timely dispatched to each early voting site. The coordinator shall develop the early voting plan and the early voting budget for each election.
- (3) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in a municipal agreement shall designate a participating municipal clerk to download the early voting poll book.
- (4) In accordance with section 662, the coordinator shall submit each early voting site to the legislative body of the municipality or municipalities designated by the municipal agreement for approval.
- (5) A participating municipal clerk shall recruit election inspectors at the request of the coordinator, or shall provide the coordinator with the list of election inspectors for that clerk's municipality. The board of election commissioners of a municipality recruiting the election inspectors, or of any other municipality that is a party to the agreement, shall, in accordance with section 674, appoint election inspectors for early voting.
- (6) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in a municipal agreement shall appoint a municipal clerk to act as supervisor for each day of early voting. The supervisor shall operate in the same manner as a municipal clerk does for an election day polling place. A supervisor may delegate the supervisor's duties to a member of the supervisor's staff.
- (7) For each federal and statewide election, there must be 1 or more early voting sites that are open to all the registered electors of each municipality that is a party to the municipal agreement.
- (8) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in a municipal agreement may also agree to jointly offer early voting on additional days beyond the required 9 consecutive days as described in section 720b. The clerks may set the hours for those additional days of early voting without regard to the required hours for early voting on the 9 consecutive days of early voting described in section 720b. Additional days of early voting as described in this subsection must take place on or after the twenty-ninth day before an election.

(9) The legislative body of a municipality that is a party to a municipal agreement may adopt a resolution to conduct early voting in an election to be held in the municipality that is not a statewide or federal election. If a municipality adopts a resolution as provided in this subsection, the clerk of that municipality shall conduct early voting for that election as provided under section 720e.

(10) The legislative body of each municipality that is a party to a municipal agreement may enter into an agreement to jointly conduct early voting in an election that involves more than 1 of the municipalities in the municipal agreement and that is not a statewide or federal election. Early voting in those elections must be conducted under the requirements of this section, except that the required minimum of 9 consecutive days of early voting beginning on the second Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election, and the required minimum of 8 hours of early voting each day, do not apply.

(11) A municipal agreement covers all statewide and federal elections, and any additional elections included in the municipal agreement, for at least the entire election year in which a general November election is held and the year following that general November election. Subject to this subsection, a municipal agreement may provide that the agreement has no fixed termination date. Subject to this subsection, a party to a municipal agreement may withdraw from the agreement by providing at least 30 days' written notice to the other parties to the agreement. A party to a municipal agreement may not withdraw from the municipal agreement during the period beginning 150 days before the first statewide general November election in an even numbered year and ending on the completion of the county canvass for that statewide general November election in that even numbered year. If any municipal agreement covers any election in addition to the statewide and federal elections, a party to that municipal agreement may not withdraw from the municipal agreement during the period beginning 150 days before the election covered under the municipal agreement and ending on the completion of the county canvass for that election. If a municipality withdraws from a municipal agreement, the municipality must conduct early voting as provided under section 720e.

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