

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5078

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending sections 200 and 643 (MCL 168.200 and 168.643).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 200. (1) A county clerk, a county treasurer, a regis-  
2 ter of deeds, a prosecuting attorney, a sheriff, a drain commis-  
3 sioner, AND a surveyor ~~and 2 coroners~~ shall be elected at  
4 ~~each~~ THE 2000 general November election ~~:- Provided, That~~ AND  
5 EVERY FOURTH YEAR AFTER THAT. HOWEVER, in ~~any~~ A county in which  
6 1 ~~or more~~ of these offices ~~have been or may be~~ IS abolished  
7 ~~,~~ OR COMBINED as provided by law, no person shall be elected  
8 ~~therefor~~ TO THAT OFFICE IN THAT COUNTY. ~~The~~  
9       (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (3), (4), AND (5), A COUNTY board  
10 of ~~supervisors in any county~~ COMMISSIONERS may ~~unite~~ BY  
11 RESOLUTION COMBINE the offices of county clerk and register of

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1 deeds in 1 office OF THE CLERK REGISTER or separate the ~~same at~~  
2 ~~pleasure~~ OFFICE OF THE CLERK REGISTER INTO THE OFFICES OF COUNTY  
3 CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS. A COMBINATION OR SEPARATION OF  
4 OFFICES SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE CUR-  
5 RENT TERM OF THE AFFECTED OFFICES.

6 (3) BEFORE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO COMBINE THE OFFICES OF  
7 COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS OR SEPARATE THE OFFICE OF  
8 CLERK REGISTER INTO THE OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF  
9 DEEDS, A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL STUDY THE QUESTION  
10 OF COMBINING OR SEPARATING THE OFFICES. THE MANDATORY REQUIRE-  
11 MENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE SATISFIED BY CONDUCTING A PUBLIC  
12 HEARING PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4).

13 (4) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS A WHOLE BODY SHALL  
14 HOLD NOT LESS THAN 1 PUBLIC HEARING, HELD SUBJECT TO THE OPEN  
15 MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275, ON THE QUESTION  
16 OF COMBINING OR SEPARATING THE OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERK AND REGIS-  
17 TER OF DEEDS. THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY VOTE ON THE  
18 QUESTION AS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM NOT LESS THAN 10  
19 DAYS OR MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY  
20 THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE QUESTION.

21 (5) NOT LATER THAN THE SIXTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR  
22 FILING THE NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK,  
23 REGISTER OF DEEDS, OR CLERK REGISTER, THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMIS-  
24 SIONERS MAY BY A VOTE OF 2/3 OF THE COMMISSIONERS ELECTED AND  
25 SERVING COMBINE THE OFFICES OF COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS  
26 OR SEPARATE THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK REGISTER. THE RESOLUTION  
27 SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT TERM OF

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1 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS, OR CLERK REGISTER  
2 AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION.

3       Sec. 643. At the general November elections, ~~there~~ THE  
4 FOLLOWING OFFICERS shall be elected when required by law: ~~the~~  
5 ~~following officers:~~

6       (A) ~~1.~~ Presidential electors. ~~+~~

7       (B) ~~2.~~ In the state at large, a governor and a lieutenant  
8 governor, a secretary of state, and an attorney general. ~~+~~

9       (C) ~~3.~~ A United States senator. ~~+~~

10       (D) ~~4.~~ In each congressional district, a representative in  
11 congress. ~~+~~

12       (E) ~~5.~~ In each state senatorial district, a state senator.  
13 ~~+~~

14       (F) ~~6.~~ In each state representative district, a represen-  
15 tative in the state legislature. ~~+~~

16       (G) ~~7.~~ Justices of the supreme court. ~~+~~

17       (H) ~~8.~~ Two members of the state board of education, ~~+~~  
18 except as provided in section 282a. ~~+~~

19       (I) ~~9.~~ Two regents of the University of Michigan. ~~+~~

20       (J) ~~10.~~ Two trustees of Michigan State University. ~~+~~

21       (K) ~~11.~~ Two governors of Wayne State University. ~~+~~

22       (l) ~~12.~~ In each county or district, judges of the court of  
23 appeals, a judge or judges of the circuit court, a judge or  
24 judges of probate, ~~a circuit court commissioner or circuit court~~  
25 ~~commissioners~~ A JUDGE OR JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT, a prose-  
26 cuting attorney, a sheriff, ~~a clerk,~~ a treasurer, ~~a register~~  
27 ~~of deeds,~~ an auditor, a mine inspector, a county road

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1 commissioner, a drain commissioner, ~~2 coroners and~~ a surveyor,  
2 AND, SUBJECT TO SECTION 200, A CLERK AND A REGISTER OF DEEDS OR A  
3 CLERK REGISTER. ~~The board of supervisors in any county may~~  
4 ~~unite the offices of county clerk and register of deeds in 1~~  
5 ~~office or separate the same at pleasure;~~  
6 (M) ~~13.~~ Township officers. ~~;~~  
7 (N) ~~14.~~ Such ANY other officers ~~as by this act or~~  
8 ~~otherwise~~ REQUIRED by law ~~are now or hereafter may be required~~  
9 to be elected. ~~at such election.~~