



Bureau of Elections - Legislative Update

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This issue of the Legislative Update covers two bills that recently became law, Public Acts 156 and 157 of 2012, governing materials displayed in the polling place on Election Day and precinct election inspectors.

Future issues of the Legislative Update will be released as additional election-related bills are signed into law.

HB 4653 (PA 156): Materials Displayed in the Polling Place on Election Day

- Prohibits the display of the name of an elected or appointed official “on any material that is temporarily posted, displayed, or distributed in a polling place or polling room on Election Day.” MCL 168.744a(1).
- A violation is a misdemeanor, with escalating fines for a second or subsequent offense. MCL 168.744a(2).
- Effective date: June 5, 2012.

HB 5119 (PA 157): Appointment of Precinct Election Inspectors

- Expands the pool of individuals who are authorized to serve as precinct election inspectors by allowing persons who are registered to vote in Michigan to serve anywhere in this state. The prior law generally restricted precinct election inspectors to serving in their county of residence. MCL 168.677(1), (4).
- Applicants are no longer required to indicate the length of their residence in the county on the application form. MCL 168.677(2).
- Effective date: June 5, 2012.

Please call the Bureau of Elections at 1-800-292-5973 if you have additional questions.