

# HOUSE BILL No. 5213

November 1, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Neeley, Moss, Greig, Hertel, Gay-Dagnogo, Faris, Sowerby, Wittenberg, Geiss, Pagan, Elder, Ellison, Chang, Sabo, Lasinski, Love, Hammoud and Zemke and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding sections 484a and 956a.

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

- 1           **SEC. 484A. (1) IF AN ORGANIZATION EMPLOYS 1 OR MORE**  
2           **INDIVIDUALS AS PAID SIGNATURE GATHERERS TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES FOR A**  
3           **BALLOT QUESTION PETITION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT,**  
4           **INITIATION OF LEGISLATION, OR REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION, THAT**  
5           **ORGANIZATION SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**
- 6               **(A) REGISTER THE ORGANIZATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**  
7               **(B) MAINTAIN A RECORD OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THAT**

1 ORGANIZATION AS A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER.

2 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY REQUEST AT ANY TIME THAT AN  
3 ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY  
4 OF STATE A COPY OF THE RECORD OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THAT  
5 ORGANIZATION AS A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER.

6 (3) IF AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) FAILS OR IS  
7 UNABLE TO PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE A RECORD OF EACH  
8 INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THAT ORGANIZATION AS A PAID SIGNATURE  
9 GATHERER, THE ORGANIZATION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE AS FOLLOWS:

10 (A) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, A CIVIL FINE OF \$5,000.00.

11 (B) FOR A SECOND VIOLATION, A CIVIL FINE OF \$7,500.00.

12 (C) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A CIVIL FINE OF  
13 \$10,000.00.

14 SEC. 956A. (1) IF AN ORGANIZATION EMPLOYS 1 OR MORE  
15 INDIVIDUALS AS PAID SIGNATURE GATHERERS TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES FOR A  
16 RECALL PETITION, THAT ORGANIZATION SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) REGISTER THE ORGANIZATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

18 (B) MAINTAIN A RECORD OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THAT  
19 ORGANIZATION AS A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER.

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