

Act No. 21  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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Introduced by Senators Schwarz, Geake, Cropsey, DiNello, Smith, Kelly, Sederburg, Barcia, Faxon,  
Engler and Welborn

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 52**

AN ACT to amend section 796a of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled "An act to reorganize, consolidate and add to the election laws; to provide for election officials and prescribe their powers and duties; to provide for the nomination and election of candidates for public office; to provide for the resignation, removal and recall of certain public officers; to provide for the filling of vacancies in public office; to provide for and regulate primaries and elections; to provide for the purity of elections; to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise; to define violations of this act; to prescribe the penalties therefor; and to repeal certain acts and all other acts inconsistent herewith," being section 168.796a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 796a of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, being section 168.796a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 796a. (1) Before an election at which electronic voting devices are used, the board of election commissioners of the city, village, or township shall have the voting devices prepared for the election. The board shall provide the election board of each voting precinct with voting devices, voting booths, ballot boxes, ballots, "write-in" ballots, and other records and supplies as required.

(2) Ballots shall be of the size, design, and stock suitable for processing by automatic data processing machines. Ballots shall have an attached numbered perforated stub, which shall be removed by an election inspector before the ballot is deposited in the ballot box. The name of the county or other local governmental unit, the designation and date of the election may be printed on the ballot card stub.

(3) At least 1 voting device shall be provided for each 400 registered voters in each precinct. Unless the voting device enables the elector to mark his or her choices in secret, the board shall provide a sufficient number of voting booths for each voting district or precinct, which shall be of a size and design to enable the voter to make his or her ballot in secret.

(4) Before an election the board of election commissioners of the county, city, village, or township shall establish 1 or more counting centers as needed for the counting of voted ballots.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved.....

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Governor.