

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4695**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 570, 662, 668b, 674, 736b, 736c, 736d, 736e, 795b, and 797a (MCL 168.570, 168.662, 168.668b, 168.674, 168.736b, 168.736c, 168.736d, 168.736e, 168.795b, and 168.797a), section 570 as amended by 2017 PA 113, section 662 as amended by 2022 PA 219, section 668b as added by 2018 PA 614, section 674 as amended by 2018 PA 120, sections 736b, 736c, 736d, and 736e as amended by 2018 PA 190, section 795b as amended by 1990 PA 109, and section 797a as amended by 1996 PA 583, and by adding sections 8, 720a, 720b, 720c, 720d, 720e, 720f, 720g, 720h, 720i, and 720j.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. As used in this act:



1 (a) "Clerk's office" includes a satellite office of a clerk.

2 (b) "Municipal" or "municipality" mean a city or township.

3 (c) "Satellite office of a clerk" means a place designated by
4 a clerk, and staffed by employees of the clerk or assistants as
5 authorized under section 29, to perform specific duties under this
6 act and to offer specified election administration services to
7 electors of a municipality.

8 Sec. 570. ~~Paper~~ **Except for ballots used for early voting that**
9 **are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, paper** ballots
10 must be numbered consecutively and identified by use of the words
11 "official primary ballot" on the upper right hand corner on the
12 front of the ballot with a perforated line across the ~~corner~~ **top of**
13 **the ballot** and underneath the number and identification so that the
14 ~~corner~~ **stub** with the number and identification may be torn off. The
15 detachable ~~corner~~ stub serves for the several party tickets and the
16 ballot number must be printed ~~upon~~ **on** the stub on 1 side only. A
17 political party designation must not appear ~~upon~~ **on** a ballot ~~corner~~
18 **stub** so numbered and identified. After the ballots are trimmed and
19 wrapped in sealed packages, the ballots must be distributed for use
20 at the primary election in the same manner as is provided by law
21 for the distribution of ballots to be used at general elections.
22 Ballots must be prepared in substantially the following form:

23 OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

24 No.

25 OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

26 Primary election to be held 20..... in
27 the county of
28party.



1 You cannot split your ticket. If you vote for candidates on
2 more than 1 party ticket, your ballot will be rejected.

3 Make a cross or a check mark in the square to the left of not
4 more than the number of names for each office as may be indicated
5 under the title of each office.

6 _____
7 State. Legislative.

8 _____
9 Governor. State Senator.
10District.

11 Vote for not more than one. Vote for not more than one.

12 _____
13 [] 1 John Doe [] 7 John Doe

14 _____
15 [] 2 Richard Roe [] 8 Richard Roe

16 _____
17 [] []

18 _____
19 Congressional. Representative in State
20 Legislature.

21 United States Senator..... District.
22 Vote for not more than one. Vote for not more than one.

23 _____
24 [] 3 John Doe [] 9 John Doe

25 _____
26 [] 4 Richard Roe [] 10 Richard Roe

27 _____
28 [] []

29 _____



1	Representative in Congress.	County.
2 District.	Prosecuting Attorney.
3	Vote for not more than one.	Vote for not more than one.
4	<hr/>	
5	[] 5 John Doe	[] 11 John Doe
6	<hr/>	
7	[] 6 Richard Roe	[] 12 Richard Roe
8	<hr/>	
9	[]	[]
10	<hr/>	

11 Sec. 662. (1) The legislative body in each ~~city and township~~
12 **municipality** shall ~~designate and prescribe the place or places of~~
13 ~~holding an election for a city, village, or township election, and~~
14 ~~shall provide a suitable polling place in or for each precinct~~
15 ~~located in the city or township~~ **municipality** for use at each
16 election. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, school~~
17 ~~buildings, fire stations, police stations, and other publicly owned~~
18 ~~or controlled buildings must be used as polling places.~~ **on election**
19 **day and shall provide a suitable early voting site for each**
20 **precinct in the municipality for each election at which the**
21 **municipality conducts early voting under section 720e. If at any**
22 **election a municipality conducts early voting jointly with 1 or**
23 **more other municipalities located in the same county, early voting**
24 **sites for that election must be provided in accordance with section**
25 **720f. If at any election a county clerk conducts early voting for 1**
26 **or more municipalities located in the county, the board of county**
27 **election commissioners of that county shall provide 1 or more early**
28 **voting sites for that election as provided under section 720g. A**
29 **publicly owned or controlled building, including, but not limited**



1 to, a municipal building or school building, must be used as a
 2 polling place unless it is not possible or convenient to use a
 3 publicly owned or controlled building as a polling place.

4 ~~(2) Subject to this subsection, if it is not possible or~~
 5 ~~convenient to use a publicly owned or controlled building as a~~
 6 ~~polling place as described in subsection (1), the legislative body~~
 7 ~~of the city or township may use as a polling place a building owned~~
 8 ~~or controlled by an organization that is exempt from federal income~~
 9 ~~tax as provided by section 501(c), other than 501(c)(4), (5), or~~
 10 ~~(6), of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501. The~~
 11 legislative body of a city or township, **or a board of county**
 12 **election commissioners as provided under section 720g**, shall not
 13 designate as a polling place **or early voting site** a building ~~as~~
 14 ~~described in this subsection~~ that is owned **or leased** by a person
 15 ~~that is a sponsor of a political committee or independent committee~~
 16 ~~or that is owned by an individual who is a candidate.~~**an elected**
 17 **official, an individual who is a candidate, or a person that is**
 18 **regulated under the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL**
 19 **169.201 to 169.282. For purposes of the previous sentence, "leased"**
 20 **means that the entire building, and not just a portion of the**
 21 **building, is leased by an elected official, an individual who is a**
 22 **candidate, or a person that is regulated under the Michigan**
 23 **campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 to 169.282. In**
 24 **addition, a building must not be designated as a polling place or**
 25 **early voting site if a portion of that building is leased by an**
 26 **elected official, an individual who is a candidate, or a person**
 27 **that is regulated under the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA**
 28 **388, MCL 169.201 to 169.282, and the portion of that building**
 29 **leased by an elected official, an individual who is a candidate, or**



1 a person that is regulated under the Michigan campaign finance act,
 2 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 to 169.282, is located within 100 feet
 3 from the entrance of the polling place or early voting site located
 4 inside that building.

5 ~~(3) The legislative body of a city or township may establish a~~
 6 ~~polling place at a for profit or nonprofit residence or facility in~~
 7 ~~which 150 individuals or more aged 62 or older reside or at an~~
 8 ~~apartment building or complex in which 150 individuals or more~~
 9 ~~reside.~~

10 ~~(4) Subject to this subsection, if a suitable polling place as~~
 11 ~~described in subsections (1), (2), and (3) is not reasonably~~
 12 ~~available for use or convenient to use, the legislative body of a~~
 13 ~~city or township may establish a polling place at any privately~~
 14 ~~owned banquet or conference center or recreation clubhouse. The~~
 15 ~~legislative body of a city or township shall not designate as a~~
 16 ~~polling place a building described in this subsection that is owned~~
 17 ~~by a person that is a sponsor of a political committee or~~
 18 ~~independent committee or that is owned by an individual who is a~~
 19 ~~candidate. Before a building that is not publicly owned or~~
 20 ~~controlled as described in this subsection is designated as a~~
 21 ~~polling place by a city or township, the clerk of the city or~~
 22 ~~township in which that building is located must obtain a signed~~
 23 ~~affidavit from the owner or manager of the building that certifies~~
 24 ~~that the owner of the building is not a person that is a sponsor of~~
 25 ~~a political committee or independent committee or is not an~~
 26 ~~individual who is a candidate.~~

27 **(3) ~~(5) The~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 4(1)(m) of**
 28 **article II of the state constitution of 1963 for early voting, the**
 29 **legislative body in each city or township may establish a central**



1 polling place or **central polling** places for 6 precincts or less if
 2 it is possible and convenient for the electors to vote at ~~the a~~
 3 central polling place **or at central polling places**. The legislative
 4 body in each city or township may abolish other polling places not
 5 required as a result of the establishment of a central polling
 6 place **or central polling places**.

7 (4) ~~(6)~~—A township board may provide polling places **or early**
 8 **voting sites** located within the limits of a city that has been
 9 incorporated from territory formerly a part of the township, and
 10 the electors of the township may cast their ballots at those
 11 polling places **or early voting sites**. If 2 contiguous townships
 12 utilize a combined township hall or other publicly owned or
 13 controlled building within 1 of the township's boundaries and
 14 outside of the other township's boundaries, and there is not
 15 another publicly owned or controlled building ~~or a building owned~~
 16 ~~or controlled by an organization that is exempt from federal income~~
 17 ~~tax, as provided by section 501(c), other than 501(c)(4), (5), or~~
 18 ~~(6), of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501,~~ available or
 19 suitable for a polling place **or early voting site** within the other
 20 township, then each township board may provide a polling place **or**
 21 **early voting site** in that publicly owned building for 1 or more
 22 election precinct.

23 (5) ~~(7)~~—A city or township, **or a county as provided under**
 24 **section 720g**, shall not use as a polling place, **early voting site,**
 25 **or central polling place** a building that does not meet the
 26 requirements of this section. **For early voting under sections 720a**
 27 **to 720j, if a city or township cannot secure a building to be used**
 28 **as a polling place or early voting site that meets the requirements**
 29 **of this section, that city or township must enter into a municipal**



1 agreement under section 720f or a county agreement under section
2 720g.

3 (6) ~~(8)~~—The legislative body of a city or township, or a board
4 of county election commissioners as provided under section 720g,
5 shall not establish, move, or abolish a polling place, early voting
6 site, or central polling place less than 60 days before an election
7 unless necessary because a polling place, early voting site, or
8 central polling place has been damaged, destroyed, or rendered
9 inaccessible or unusable as a polling place, early voting site, or
10 central polling place.

11 (7) ~~(9)~~—The legislative body of a city or township, or a board
12 of county election commissioners as provided under section 720g,
13 shall ensure that a polling place, early voting site, or central
14 polling place established under this section is accessible and
15 complies with the voting accessibility for the elderly and
16 handicapped act and the help America vote act of 2002.

17 (8) After a polling place or early voting site is approved
18 under this section, the appropriate clerk, as provided under
19 subsections (9) and (10), must provide a notice specifying the
20 location of the polling place or early voting site to each
21 registered elector entitled to vote at that polling place or early
22 voting site. The notice requirement under this subsection applies
23 to permanent and temporary changes to polling places and early
24 voting sites, except that notice is not required if an early voting
25 site is established in addition to 1 or more early voting sites
26 that remain in effect for which notice was previously provided to
27 each elector. The notice required under this subsection must be
28 provided as follows:

29 (a) No later than 45 days before an election for a polling



1 place or early voting site established or changed by the sixtieth
2 day before an election.

3 (b) For temporary changes made to a polling place or early
4 voting site under subsection (6), no later than 21 days before an
5 election for a polling place and no later than 21 days before the
6 first day of early voting for an early voting site. In addition to
7 the notice required to each registered elector under this
8 subdivision, the appropriate clerk must post a sign indicating the
9 new polling place location or early voting site at the location of
10 the former polling place location or early voting site.

11 (9) After a polling place is approved under this section, the
12 city or township clerk of the city or township approving the
13 polling place must provide the notice required under subsection (8)
14 by either of the following methods:

15 (a) Updating and sending the voter identification card issued
16 under section 499.

17 (b) Sending a separate notice by mail or other method designed
18 to provide actual notice to the registered elector.

19 (10) After an early voting site is approved under this
20 section, the appropriate clerk must provide the notice required
21 under subsection (8) by sending a separate notice by mail or other
22 method designed to provide actual notice to the registered elector,
23 and must not provide the notice by updating the voter
24 identification card issued under section 499. In addition to
25 identifying the location of the early voting site, the separate
26 notice sent under this subsection must provide the hours of
27 operation of the early voting site for each day early voting is
28 offered. The notice under this subsection must be provided as
29 follows:



1 (a) For early voting conducted under section 720e, by the
2 clerk of the municipality approving the early voting site.

3 (b) For early voting conducted under section 720f, by the
4 clerk of each municipality that is a party to the municipal
5 agreement, or as otherwise provided by the municipal agreement.

6 (c) For early voting conducted under section 720g, by the
7 clerk of the county where the early voting site is located or by
8 the clerk of each municipality that is a party to the county
9 agreement.

10 (11) For temporary changes made under subsection (6) to a
11 polling place within 20 days before an election or to an early
12 voting site within 20 days before the start of early voting, the
13 appropriate clerk must provide notice in all of the following ways:

14 (a) By posting a sign indicating the new polling place
15 location or early voting site at the location of the former polling
16 place location or early voting site.

17 (b) By posting the new polling place location or early voting
18 site on the website of the municipality or county, as applicable.

19 (c) By posting the new polling place location or early voting
20 site on the department of state's website.

21 (12) ~~(10)~~ As used in this section:

22 (a) "Accessible" means the removal or modification of
23 policies, practices, and procedures that deny an individual with a
24 disability the opportunity to vote, including the removal of
25 physical barriers as identified in section 261(b) of the help
26 America vote act of 2002, 52 USC 21021, so as to ensure individuals
27 with disabilities the opportunity to participate in elections in
28 this state.

29 (b) "Candidate" means that term as defined in section 3 of the



1 Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.203.

2 ~~(c) "Sponsor of a political committee or independent~~
 3 ~~committee" means a person that is described as being a sponsor~~
 4 ~~under section 24(3) of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA~~
 5 ~~388, MCL 169.224, and includes a subsidiary of a corporation or a~~
 6 ~~local of a labor organization, if the corporation or labor~~
 7 ~~organization is considered a sponsor under section 24(3) of the~~
 8 ~~Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.224.~~

9 **(c) "Early voting site" means that term as described in**
 10 **section 4(1)(m) of article II of the state constitution of 1963.**

11 Sec. 668b. (1) Each city or township shall use the electronic
 12 poll book software developed, **acquired, or approved** by the bureau
 13 of elections in each election precinct in the city or township on
 14 election day to process voters and generate election precinct
 15 reports.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), after 4
 17 p.m. on the day before an election, each city or township clerk
 18 shall download the electronic poll book software from the qualified
 19 voter file software.

20 (3) In a city or township with more than 50 election
 21 precincts, the city or township clerk may begin downloading the
 22 electronic poll book software from the qualified voter file
 23 software after 2 p.m. on the Saturday before an election. If a city
 24 or township clerk downloads the electronic poll book software from
 25 the qualified voter file software before 4 p.m. on the day before
 26 an election as provided in this subsection, the city or township
 27 clerk must provide a supplemental absent voter list to each
 28 election precinct before the polls open on election day that
 29 captures any absent voter activity in the city or township between



1 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election and 4 p.m. on the Monday
2 before the election.

3 Sec. 674. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
4 the contrary and subject to this section, the city and township
5 board of election commissioners, at least 21 days ~~but not more than~~
6 ~~40 days~~ before each election, but in no case less than 5 days
7 before the date set for holding schools of instruction, shall
8 appoint for each election precinct at least 3 election inspectors
9 and as many more as in its opinion is required for the efficient,
10 speedy, and proper conduct of the election. The board of election
11 commissioners may appoint as election inspector an individual on
12 the list submitted by a major political party under section 673a
13 who is qualified to serve under section 677. An appointment of an
14 election inspector under this section is void if a properly
15 completed application for that election inspector is not on file in
16 the clerk's office as prescribed in section 677.

17 (2) The board of election commissioners shall designate 1
18 appointed election inspector as chairperson. The board of election
19 commissioners shall appoint at least 1 election inspector from each
20 major political party and shall appoint an equal number, as nearly
21 as possible, of election inspectors in each election precinct from
22 each major political party. The board of election commissioners may
23 appoint election inspectors in an election precinct from minor
24 political parties. Not later than 2 business days following the
25 appointment of election inspectors under subsection (1) for
26 elections in which a federal or state office appears, the board of
27 election commissioners shall notify by certified mail, personal
28 service, or electronic transmission capable of determining date of
29 receipt the county chair of each major political party of the names



1 and political party affiliations of appointed election inspectors
 2 and the precincts to which those **election** inspectors were
 3 appointed. A board of election commissioners shall not appoint a
 4 ~~person~~**an individual** as an election inspector if that ~~person~~
 5 **individual** declares a political party preference for 1 political
 6 party but is a known active advocate of another political party. As
 7 used in this section, "a known active advocate" means a ~~person~~**an**
 8 **individual** who meets 1 or more of the following:

9 (a) Is a delegate to the convention or an officer of that
 10 other **political** party.

11 (b) Is affiliated with that **political** party through an elected
 12 or appointed government position.

13 (c) Has made documented public statements specifically
 14 supporting by name the other political party or its candidates in
 15 the same calendar year as the election for which the appointment is
 16 being made. As used in this subdivision, "documented public
 17 statements" means statements reported by the news media or written
 18 statements with a clear and unambiguous attribution to the
 19 applicant.

20 (3) The county chair of a major political party may challenge
 21 the appointment of an election inspector based ~~upon~~**on** the
 22 qualifications of the election inspector, the legitimacy of the
 23 election inspector's political party affiliation, or whether there
 24 is a properly completed declaration of political party affiliation
 25 in the application for that election inspector on file in the
 26 clerk's office. The challenge must be in writing, specifically
 27 identify the reason for the challenge, and include any available
 28 documentation supporting the challenge. The county chair of the
 29 political party shall file a challenge under this subsection with



1 the board of election commissioners not later than 4 business days
2 following receipt of the board of election commissioners' notice of
3 appointed election inspectors under subsection (2).

4 (4) Upon receipt of a challenge under subsection (3), the
5 board of election commissioners shall determine whether the
6 appointee has the necessary qualifications by reviewing the
7 application or any other official records, such as voter
8 registration records, or whether the applicant has a properly
9 completed certification of political party affiliation in the
10 application. If the challenge alleges that the appointee is a known
11 active advocate of a political party other than the one on the
12 appointee's application, the board of election commissioners
13 immediately shall provide the appointee with a copy of the
14 challenge by certified mail, personal service, or electronic
15 transmission capable of determining date of receipt. The appointee
16 may respond to the challenge within 2 business days after receiving
17 a copy of the challenge. A response must be by affidavit addressing
18 the specific reasons for the challenge. Failure to respond results
19 in revocation of the appointment. Within 2 business days after
20 receiving the challenge or a response from the appointee, whichever
21 is later, the board of election commissioners shall make a final
22 determination and notify the appointee and the county chair of the
23 political party of the determination.

24 (5) If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson or in the
25 office of election inspector before election day, the chairperson
26 of the board of election commissioners shall designate some other
27 properly qualified applicant or election inspector as chairperson
28 or some other qualified applicant as election inspector, as
29 applicable, subject to this section. If a vacancy occurs in the



1 office of chairperson on election day, the remaining election
 2 inspectors shall designate 1 of the **election** inspectors as
 3 chairperson.

4 **Sec. 720a. As used in sections 720b to 720j:**

5 (a) "County agreement" means an agreement, or any amendment to
 6 the agreement, between 1 or more municipalities located in whole or
 7 in part in the same county and the county clerk of that county
 8 authorizing the county clerk of the county to conduct early voting
 9 for each municipality that is a party to the agreement, with the
 10 assistance of, and in consultation with, the clerk of each
 11 municipality that is a party to the agreement.

12 (b) "Early voting" means casting a ballot in person before
 13 election day in the same manner as a ballot is cast on election
 14 day, including depositing the ballot into a tabulator.

15 (c) "Early voting plan" means a document and any addenda to
 16 the document outlining the manner in which early voting will be
 17 provided.

18 (d) "Early voting poll book" means the poll book utilized in
 19 early voting to create the poll list of registered electors voting
 20 at an early voting site and to comply with all statutory
 21 requirements of a poll book in an election. An early voting poll
 22 book may be electronic or a combination of electronic and paper, as
 23 prescribed by the secretary of state.

24 (e) "Early voting site" means a location where early voting
 25 occurs and that meets both of the following requirements:

26 (i) Is open for at least 9 consecutive days of early voting
 27 beginning on the second Saturday before a statewide or federal
 28 election and ending on the Sunday before a statewide or federal
 29 election.



1 (ii) Is open for at least 8 hours each day during the required
2 9 consecutive days of early voting.

3 (f) "Municipal agreement" means an agreement, or any amendment
4 to the agreement, between 2 or more municipalities located in whole
5 or in part in the same county to jointly conduct early voting.

6 Sec. 720b. (1) A registered and qualified elector in this
7 state has the right to vote in person in each statewide and federal
8 election at an early voting site before election day. An elector at
9 an early voting site has the same rights and is subject to the same
10 requirements as an elector at a polling place on election day.

11 (2) Early voting must be provided in each statewide and
12 federal election for at least 9 consecutive days beginning on the
13 second Saturday before the statewide or federal election and ending
14 on the Sunday before the statewide or federal election, and must be
15 provided for at least 8 hours each day during the required 9
16 consecutive days of early voting.

17 (3) Beginning January 1, 2026, early voting may be offered on
18 the Monday before an election. The early voting on that Monday must
19 end no later than 4 p.m.

20 Sec. 720c. (1) The secretary of state shall supervise the
21 implementation and conduct of early voting required under section
22 4(1)(m) of article II of the state constitution of 1963 to provide
23 each elector an opportunity to cast a ballot in person before each
24 statewide or federal election.

25 (2) For early voting required under section 4(1)(m) of article
26 II of the state constitution of 1963, the secretary of state shall
27 do all of the following:

28 (a) Issue instructions and procedures to county and municipal
29 election officials on the administration and conduct of early



1 voting.

2 (b) Advise and direct county and municipal election officials
3 on conducting early voting.

4 (c) Develop, acquire, or approve new technology for the early
5 voting poll book to efficiently and securely implement, administer,
6 and conduct early voting.

7 (d) Create a model municipal agreement template and model
8 county agreement template, and ensure that each template can be
9 completed online by a county or municipality.

10 (e) Create model early voting plan templates for
11 municipalities to complete, and ensure that each template can be
12 electronically transmitted to the bureau of elections.

13 (f) Create model countywide early voting plan templates for
14 county clerks to complete, and ensure that each template can be
15 electronically transmitted to the bureau of elections.

16 (g) Evaluate new voting system technology that produces
17 ballots on demand or that may be used to cast and tabulate early
18 voting ballots, and, if appropriate, submit new technology to the
19 board of state canvassers for approval under section 795a.

20 (3) The secretary of state shall provide resources to county
21 and municipal election officials that prevent an elector from
22 intentionally or inadvertently casting more than 1 ballot at an
23 election, including, but not limited to, an elector casting more
24 than 1 ballot at 1 or more early voting sites or an elector casting
25 an absent voter ballot and a ballot at an early voting site. The
26 resources required may be technological, procedural, or a
27 combination of both technological and procedural.

28 (4) The secretary of state shall provide guidance to county
29 and municipal election officials regarding the process for securing



1 equipment and ballots at the conclusion of each day of early
2 voting.

3 (5) The secretary of state shall issue instructions regarding
4 ballots produced by an on-demand ballot printing system and that
5 are subject to challenge.

6 Sec. 720d. (1) Each municipality shall administer early voting
7 under 1 of the following provisions:

8 (a) Conduct early voting as a single municipality separate
9 from any other municipality as provided under section 720e.

10 (b) Enter into a municipal agreement and jointly conduct early
11 voting with 1 or more other municipalities located in the same
12 county as provided under section 720f.

13 (c) Enter into a county agreement and authorize the county
14 clerk of the county in which that municipality is located to
15 conduct early voting for 1 or more municipalities located in that
16 county, with the assistance of, and in consultation with, the clerk
17 of each municipality that is a party to the county agreement as
18 provided under section 720g.

19 (2) Subject to subsection (4), no later than 155 days before
20 the first regularly scheduled statewide or federal election in an
21 even numbered year, the clerk of each county shall notify the clerk
22 of each municipality in that county regarding whether the county
23 clerk intends to conduct early voting through a county agreement.
24 No later than 150 days before the first regularly scheduled
25 statewide or federal election in an even numbered year, the clerk
26 of each municipality shall notify the county clerk of the county in
27 which that municipality is located regarding whether the
28 municipality intends to enter into a municipal agreement or a
29 county agreement, or whether the municipality intends to conduct



1 early voting as a single municipality separate from any other
2 municipality.

3 (3) Subject to subsection (4), no later than 125 days before
4 the first regularly scheduled statewide or federal election to be
5 held in an even numbered year, the municipal clerks entering into a
6 municipal agreement, and the municipal clerks and county clerk of
7 each county entering into a county agreement, must finalize and
8 sign those agreements. No later than 90 days before a special
9 statewide or federal election, the municipal clerks entering into a
10 municipal agreement, and the municipal clerks and county clerk of
11 each county entering into a county agreement, must finalize and
12 sign those agreements.

13 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), a municipality
14 that conducts early voting as a single municipality under section
15 720e for a presidential primary election may, no later than April
16 15 of the year in which that presidential primary election is held,
17 enter into a municipal agreement under section 720f or a county
18 agreement under section 720g for the remaining statewide and
19 federal elections to be held in that year and the following year,
20 and for any other elections included in the municipal agreement or
21 county agreement. The municipal agreement or county agreement
22 entered into under this subsection may be a new agreement, or an
23 amendment to an existing agreement that was in effect for the
24 presidential primary election if all of the parties to the
25 agreement agree to the amendment.

26 Sec. 720e. (1) The clerk of a municipality that does not enter
27 into a municipal agreement or county agreement for conducting early
28 voting is responsible for administering early voting in that
29 municipality.



1 (2) Each early voting site for a municipality described in
2 subsection (1) must be designated in the same manner as polling
3 places are designated in section 662. Each elector registered in
4 the municipality may engage in early voting at any early voting
5 site in that municipality.

6 (3) The board of election commissioners of a municipality
7 described in subsection (1) shall, in accordance with section 674,
8 appoint election inspectors for each early voting site in that
9 municipality.

10 (4) For each federal and statewide election, each municipality
11 described in subsection (1) must have 1 or more early voting sites.
12 In addition, the clerk of the municipality described in subsection
13 (1) may set additional hours for early voting on any of the
14 required 9 consecutive days of early voting as described in section
15 720b.

16 (5) The clerk of a municipality described in subsection (1)
17 may also offer early voting on additional days beyond the required
18 9 consecutive days as described in section 720b. The clerk of the
19 municipality may set the hours for those additional days of early
20 voting without regard to the hours on the required 9 consecutive
21 days of early voting described in section 720b. Additional days of
22 early voting as described in this subsection must take place on or
23 after the twenty-ninth day before an election.

24 (6) The legislative body of a municipality described in
25 subsection (1) may adopt a resolution to conduct early voting in an
26 election held in that municipality that is not a statewide or
27 federal election, and early voting for that election must be
28 conducted under the requirements of this section, except that the
29 required 9 consecutive days of early voting beginning on the second



1 Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the
2 election, and the required minimum of 8 hours of early voting each
3 day, do not apply.

4 (7) If a municipality has 250 or more precincts, each ballot
5 form that contains identical offices and names may be considered a
6 separate precinct for purposes of early voting.

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

10 (a) The name of each municipality that is a party to the
11 agreement.

12 (b) The number of precincts in each participating
13 municipality.

14 (c) The name of the coordinator who will organize and monitor
15 the administrative requirements of early voting for the
16 participating municipalities.

17 (d) The process for approving early voting sites, in
18 accordance with section 662, by 1 or more legislative bodies of the
19 participating municipalities.

20 (e) The board of election commissioners of the participating
21 municipalities that will appoint, pursuant to section 674, the
22 election inspectors for each early voting site.

23 (f) The process for approving early voting hours for the
24 required 9 consecutive days of early voting, and the process for
25 approving any additional days and hours of early voting.

26 (g) The communication strategy for informing electors of the
27 opportunity for early voting, and for publicizing each early voting
28 site, along with the dates and hours of operation of each early
29 voting site.



1 (h) The process to ensure that the secretary of state has the
2 information necessary to include the location, along with the dates
3 and hours of operation, of each early voting site on the department
4 of state's website.

5 (i) The process for developing the early voting budget and
6 cost sharing procedures.

7 (j) The process for determining the number of tabulators and
8 early voting poll books that are necessary at each early voting
9 site and the name of each municipality that will provide those
10 tabulators and early voting poll books.

11 (k) The name of the board of election commissioners that will
12 conduct testing of the electronic voting equipment.

13 (l) The name of the clerk who shall download the early voting
14 poll book.

15 (m) The supervision and staffing of each early voting site on
16 each day of early voting.

17 (n) Information on how a receiving board or group of election
18 inspectors will be appointed to canvass the early vote returns on
19 election day and report early voting results to the county clerk.

20 (o) The process for a participating municipality to withdraw
21 from the agreement.

22 (2) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in
23 a municipal agreement shall appoint a coordinator to organize and
24 monitor the administrative requirements of early voting. The
25 coordinator must be a clerk, or a member of the clerk's staff, of a
26 municipality that is a party to the agreement. The coordinator
27 shall provide oversight to ensure sufficient resources are
28 available and are timely dispatched to each early voting site. The
29 coordinator shall develop the early voting plan and the early



1 voting budget for each election.

2 (3) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in
3 a municipal agreement shall designate a participating municipal
4 clerk to download the early voting poll book.

5 (4) In accordance with section 662, the coordinator shall
6 submit each early voting site to the legislative body of the
7 municipality or municipalities designated by the municipal
8 agreement for approval.

9 (5) A participating municipal clerk shall recruit election
10 inspectors at the request of the coordinator, or shall provide the
11 coordinator with the list of election inspectors for that clerk's
12 municipality. The board of election commissioners of a municipality
13 recruiting the election inspectors, or of any other municipality
14 that is a party to the agreement, shall, in accordance with section
15 674, appoint election inspectors for early voting.

16 (6) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in
17 a municipal agreement shall appoint a municipal clerk to act as
18 supervisor for each day of early voting. The supervisor shall
19 operate in the same manner as a municipal clerk does for an
20 election day polling place. A supervisor may delegate the
21 supervisor's duties to a member of the supervisor's staff.

22 (7) For each federal and statewide election, there must be 1
23 or more early voting sites that are open to all the registered
24 electors of each municipality that is a party to the municipal
25 agreement.

26 (8) The clerks of the municipalities that are participating in
27 a municipal agreement may also agree to jointly offer early voting
28 on additional days beyond the required 9 consecutive days as
29 described in section 720b. The clerks may set the hours for those



1 additional days of early voting without regard to the required
2 hours for early voting on the 9 consecutive days of early voting
3 described in section 720b. Additional days of early voting as
4 described in this subsection must take place on or after the
5 twenty-ninth day before an election.

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

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

23 (11) A municipal agreement covers all statewide and federal
24 elections, and any additional elections included in the municipal
25 agreement, for at least the entire election year in which a general
26 November election is held and the year following that general
27 November election. Subject to this subsection, a municipal
28 agreement may provide that the agreement has no fixed termination
29 date. Subject to this subsection, a party to a municipal agreement



1 may withdraw from the agreement by providing at least 30 days'
2 written notice to the other parties to the agreement. A party to a
3 municipal agreement may not withdraw from the municipal agreement
4 during the period beginning 150 days before the first statewide
5 general November election in an even numbered year and ending on
6 the completion of the county canvass for that statewide general
7 November election in that even numbered year. If any municipal
8 agreement covers any election in addition to the statewide and
9 federal elections, a party to that municipal agreement may not
10 withdraw from the municipal agreement during the period beginning
11 150 days before the election covered under the municipal agreement
12 and ending on the completion of the county canvass for that
13 election. If a municipality withdraws from a municipal agreement,
14 the municipality must conduct early voting as provided under
15 section 720e.

16 Sec. 720g. (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the
17 provisions that must be included in a county agreement between 1 or
18 more municipalities located in the same county and the county clerk
19 of that county authorizing the county clerk to conduct early voting
20 for each municipality that is a party to the agreement, with
21 assistance from, and in consultation with, the clerk of each
22 municipality that is a party to the agreement. The provisions must
23 include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

24 (a) The name of the county and the name of each municipality
25 involved in the agreement.

26 (b) The number of precincts in each participating
27 municipality.

28 (c) The name of the coordinator who will organize and monitor
29 the administrative requirements of early voting.



1 (d) The process for determining the number of early voting
2 sites needed, and the process for determining the location of each
3 early voting site.

4 (e) The process for approving the early voting hours for the
5 required 9 consecutive days of early voting, and the process for
6 approving any additional days and hours of early voting.

7 (f) The communication strategy for informing electors of the
8 opportunity for early voting, and for publicizing each early voting
9 site, along with the dates and hours of operation of each early
10 voting site, and which city or township is served by each early
11 voting site.

12 (g) The process to ensure that the secretary of state has the
13 information necessary to include the location, along with the dates
14 and hours of operation, of each early voting site on the department
15 of state's website.

16 (h) The process for developing the early voting budget and
17 cost sharing and chargeback procedures.

18 (i) The process for determining the number of tabulators and
19 early voting poll books that are necessary in each early voting
20 site and the name of the county or municipality that will provide
21 those tabulators and early voting poll books.

22 (j) The name of the board of election commissioners that will
23 conduct testing of the electronic voting equipment.

24 (k) The name of the clerk, either the county clerk or a
25 designated municipal clerk, who shall download the early voting
26 poll book.

27 (l) The supervision and staffing of each early voting site on
28 each day of early voting.

29 (m) Information on how a receiving board or a group of



1 election inspectors will be appointed to canvass the early vote
2 returns on election day and report early voting results to the
3 county clerk.

4 (n) The process for a participating municipality or county
5 clerk to withdraw from the agreement.

6 (2) The county clerk shall appoint a coordinator to organize
7 and monitor the administrative requirements of early voting. The
8 coordinator may be the county clerk or a member of the county
9 clerk's staff, or a municipal clerk, or a member of the municipal
10 clerk's staff, that is party to the agreement. The coordinator
11 shall provide oversight to ensure sufficient resources are
12 available and are timely dispatched to each early voting site. The
13 coordinator shall develop the early voting plan, in consultation
14 with the clerks of participating municipalities to the county
15 agreement.

16 (3) The county clerk shall designate which clerk, either the
17 county clerk or a designated municipal clerk, shall download the
18 early voting poll book.

19 (4) On request of the county clerk, a clerk of a participating
20 municipality shall make available, to the extent possible,
21 tabulators, early voting poll books, and ballot containers for
22 conducting early voting.

23 (5) In accordance with section 662, the county clerk, after
24 consulting the municipal clerks, shall submit each early voting
25 site location to the board of county election commissioners for
26 approval. Each early voting site submitted for approval may serve
27 all electors covered by the county agreement, the electors in
28 specific municipalities that are covered by an early voting site,
29 the electors of 1 municipality, or any combination of these



1 options, as long as each elector in the county is served by 1 or
2 more early voting sites.

3 (6) A municipal clerk shall recruit election inspectors at the
4 request of the county clerk, or shall provide the county clerk with
5 the list of election inspectors for the clerk's municipality. The
6 board of county election commissioners shall, in accordance with
7 section 674, appoint election inspectors for early voting.

8 (7) The county clerk may appoint a participating municipal
9 clerk or a member of the county clerk's staff to act as a
10 supervisor for each day of early voting. The county clerk may
11 appoint a different participating municipal clerk or a member of
12 the county clerk's staff to act as a supervisor for different days
13 of early voting. The supervisor shall operate in the same manner as
14 a municipal clerk does for an election day polling place. A
15 supervisor may delegate the supervisor's duties to a member of the
16 supervisor's staff.

17 (8) For each federal and statewide election, there must be 1
18 or more early voting sites that are open to all the registered
19 electors of each municipality that is a party to the county
20 agreement.

21 (9) The county clerk may also offer early voting on additional
22 days beyond the required 9 consecutive days as described in section
23 720b. The county clerk may set the hours for those additional days
24 of early voting without regard to the required hours for early
25 voting on the 9 consecutive days of early voting described in
26 section 720b. Additional days of early voting as described in this
27 subsection must take place on or after the twenty-ninth day before
28 an election.

29 (10) The legislative body of a municipality that is party to a



1 county agreement may adopt a resolution to conduct early voting in
2 an election to be held in the municipality that is not a statewide
3 or federal election. If a municipality adopts a resolution as
4 provided in this subsection, the clerk of that municipality may
5 conduct early voting for that election as provided under section
6 720e.

7 (11) A county clerk and the legislative body of 1 or more
8 municipalities may enter into an agreement for the county clerk to
9 conduct early voting in an election that is not a statewide or
10 federal election. This section does not preclude a county clerk and
11 a municipality from entering into an agreement for the county clerk
12 to conduct early voting for an election in the municipality that is
13 not a statewide or federal election. Early voting in those
14 elections must be conducted under the requirements of this section,
15 except that the required minimum of 9 consecutive days of early
16 voting beginning on the second Saturday before the election and
17 ending on the Sunday before the election, and the required minimum
18 of 8 hours of early voting each day, do not apply.

19 (12) A county agreement covers all statewide and federal
20 elections, and any additional elections included in the county
21 agreement, for at least the entire year in which a general November
22 election is held and the year following that general November
23 election. Subject to this subsection, a county agreement may
24 provide that the agreement has no fixed termination date. Subject
25 to this subsection, a party to a county agreement may withdraw from
26 the county agreement by providing at least 30 days' written notice
27 to the other parties to the agreement. A party to a county
28 agreement may not withdraw from the county agreement during the
29 period beginning 150 days before the first statewide general



1 November election in an even numbered year and ending on the
2 completion of the county canvass for that statewide general
3 November election in that even numbered year. If any county
4 agreement covers any election in addition to the statewide and
5 federal elections, a party to that county agreement may not
6 withdraw from the county agreement during the period beginning 150
7 days before the election covered under the county agreement and
8 ending on the completion of the county canvass for that election.

9 Sec. 720h. (1) No later than 120 days before the first
10 statewide or federal election in each even numbered year, all of
11 the following apply:

12 (a) Each municipality that is conducting early voting as a
13 single municipality under section 720e must file an early voting
14 plan with the county clerk of the county in which the municipality
15 is located.

16 (b) The coordinator for the municipalities that have signed a
17 municipal agreement under section 720f must file an early voting
18 plan for the municipalities participating in the municipal
19 agreement with the county clerk of the county in which the
20 municipalities are located.

21 (c) Each county that is a party to a county agreement must
22 prepare an early voting plan.

23 (2) If a municipality described in subsection (1)(a) fails to
24 file an early voting plan with the county clerk of the county in
25 which the municipality is located by the deadline provided in
26 subsection (1), the county clerk of the county in which the
27 municipality is located shall immediately contact the clerk of that
28 municipality and attempt to determine that municipality's plan for
29 conducting early voting.



1 (3) An early voting plan must provide sufficient details
 2 describing the processes created to conduct early voting. Each
 3 early voting plan must include, but not be limited to, all of the
 4 following:

5 (a) Whether the plan covers a municipality described in
 6 section 720e, a municipal agreement described in section 720f, or a
 7 county agreement described in section 720g.

8 (b) The name of each municipal clerk, and, if applicable, the
 9 name of the county clerk, executing the early voting plan.

10 (c) The number of precincts and registered electors in the
 11 municipality under section 720e, the municipal agreement under
 12 section 720f, or the county agreement under section 720g, as
 13 applicable.

14 (d) The number of early voting sites, the location of each
 15 early voting site, if available, and the municipality or
 16 municipalities the early voting sites serve.

17 (e) The name, position, and contact information of the
 18 coordinator for a municipal agreement or county agreement, if
 19 applicable.

20 (f) Any additional early voting days that will be offered
 21 before the required 9 consecutive days of early voting as provided
 22 in section 720b, along with the hours the early voting sites will
 23 be open on those additional early voting days.

24 (g) Beginning January 1, 2026, whether early voting will be
 25 offered on the Monday before election day.

26 (h) The communication strategy for informing electors of the
 27 opportunity for early voting.

28 (i) The process to ensure that the secretary of state has the
 29 information necessary to include the location, along with the dates



1 and hours of operation, of each early voting site on the department
2 of state's website.

3 (j) A copy of a municipal agreement or a county agreement, if
4 applicable.

5 (k) Any other information as the secretary of state or county
6 clerk considers necessary.

7 (4) Each county clerk shall review each early voting plan that
8 the county clerk receives under subsection (1) (a) and (b) to verify
9 that the early voting plan contains all the required information.
10 Each municipality in a county that is conducting early voting as a
11 single municipality under section 720e and each coordinator for
12 municipalities that have entered into a municipal agreement under
13 section 720f shall submit accurate and complete information in the
14 early voting plan, and shall promptly respond to a request for
15 information from the county clerk or the county clerk's staff.

16 (5) No later than 110 days before the first statewide or
17 federal election in an even numbered year, each county clerk shall
18 submit to the secretary of state a countywide early voting plan
19 that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:

20 (a) Whether the county clerk is participating in a county
21 agreement described under section 720g, and if so, which
22 municipalities in the county are parties to the county agreement.

23 (b) Which municipalities in the county, if any, will be
24 conducting early voting as a single municipality under section
25 720e, and which municipalities in the county, if any, will be
26 conducting early voting under a municipal agreement under section
27 720f.

28 (c) If any municipalities in the county are conducting early
29 voting under a municipal agreement under section 720f, the



1 municipalities that are parties to each municipal agreement.

2 (d) The process that the county, each municipal coordinator in
3 the county, and each municipality that is not a party to a
4 municipal agreement or a county agreement, will use to ensure that
5 the secretary of state has the information necessary to include the
6 location, along with the dates and hours of operation, of each
7 early voting site on the department of state's website.

8 (e) A copy of each early voting plan submitted by the
9 municipalities in the county and by the municipal coordinators in
10 the county, and a copy of the county early voting plan prepared by
11 the county clerk.

12 (f) Any other information that the secretary of state or
13 county clerk considers necessary.

14 (6) The county clerk shall certify that the electors of each
15 municipality in the county are served by 1 or more early voting
16 sites. If any municipality in the county is not a party to a
17 municipal agreement or a county agreement and has not filed an
18 early voting plan as a municipality conducting early voting as a
19 single municipality, the county clerk shall indicate the name of
20 that municipality as an exception to the certification and shall
21 indicate what steps the county clerk has taken to determine that
22 municipality's plan for early voting.

23 Sec. 720i. (1) An early voting site is subject to the same
24 requirements as a polling place except that an early voting site
25 may do either or both of the following:

26 (a) Serve electors from more than 6 precincts.

27 (b) Serve electors from more than 1 municipality located in a
28 county.

29 (2) An early voting site is not subject to the limit on the



1 number of electors assigned to a precinct as provided in section
2 661.

3 (3) The location and number of early voting sites must be
4 selected by taking into consideration expected turnout, population
5 density, public transportation, accessibility, travel time, traffic
6 patterns, and any other factors that election officials consider
7 necessary to enhance the accessibility of early voting sites.

8 (4) The location of each early voting site must be finalized
9 no later than 60 days before election day.

10 (5) On each day of early voting, each registered and qualified
11 elector present and in line at the early voting site at the hour
12 prescribed for the closing of the early voting site must be allowed
13 to vote.

14 Sec. 720j. (1) At each early voting site, ballots must be cast
15 using electronic tabulating equipment authorized to be used on
16 election day or specifically authorized for early voting in the
17 county where the early voting site is located.

18 (2) The clerk of the county where an early voting site is
19 located shall prepare and provide to each municipal clerk or early
20 voting site coordinator, as appropriate, both of the following:

21 (a) Programming for the electronic voting equipment to be used
22 at the early voting site no later than 45 days before election day.

23 (b) Ballots to be used to test the electronic voting equipment
24 no later than 45 days before election day. The appropriate board of
25 election commissioners shall complete the preliminary and public
26 logic and accuracy testing no later than 5 days before the start of
27 early voting in accordance with the requirements under section 798.

28 (3) Tabulators and early voting poll books used at each early
29 voting site must be configured in 1 of the ways set forth in this



1 section. However, the secretary of state may approve an alternate
 2 configuration of tabulators and early voting poll books as long as
 3 the alternate configuration produces an accurate poll list of the
 4 voters who cast ballots on each specific tabulator that enables the
 5 balancing of the number of voters casting a ballot at the early
 6 voting site with the number of ballots cast on the tabulator. A
 7 municipal clerk, or the coordinator of a municipal agreement, shall
 8 select a configuration set or sets under subsection (4) or (5), as
 9 applicable, and inform the county clerk of the selection no later
 10 than 90 days before an election. Under a county agreement, the
 11 county clerk, after consulting with the participating municipal
 12 clerks, shall select the configuration set or sets under subsection
 13 (6) no later than 90 days before an election. Subsections (4), (5),
 14 and (6) describe the configuration sets that are options for early
 15 voting sites, with each configuration set having at least 1
 16 tabulator and an early voting poll book containing a list of
 17 registered electors corresponding to the precincts programmed on
 18 the tabulator. A county clerk shall program the tabulators to
 19 adhere to the configuration set or sets selected for each early
 20 voting site. Each early voting site must have the number of
 21 tabulators and early voting poll books as required by the selected
 22 configuration set or sets.

23 (4) If a municipal clerk is conducting early voting as a
 24 municipality under section 720e, the municipal clerk shall provide
 25 for each early voting site either of the following configuration
 26 sets:

27 (a) A single configuration set programmed to tabulate ballots
 28 for all of the precincts in the municipality.

29 (b) Multiple configuration sets, with each configuration set



1 programmed to tabulate ballots for a unique set of precincts in the
 2 municipality. Each precinct in the municipality must appear on only
 3 1 configuration set at an early voting site.

4 (5) If municipalities are parties to a municipal agreement,
 5 the municipal agreement must provide for each early voting site to
 6 have either of the following configuration sets:

7 (a) A single configuration set programmed to tabulate ballots
 8 for all of the precincts of each municipality covered by the
 9 municipal agreement.

10 (b) Multiple configuration sets, with each tabulator
 11 programmed to tabulate ballots for 1 or more municipalities covered
 12 by the municipal agreement. Each precinct in each of the
 13 municipalities must appear on only 1 configuration set in an early
 14 voting site.

15 (6) If 1 or more municipalities are parties to a county
 16 agreement, the county agreement must provide for each early voting
 17 site to have either of the following configuration sets:

18 (a) For an early voting site covering the entire county, in
 19 the same manner as an early voting site of a municipality
 20 conducting early voting as a municipality under section 720e.

21 (b) For an early voting site covering less than the entire
 22 county, in the same manner as an early voting site for
 23 municipalities that are parties to a municipal agreement under
 24 section 720f.

25 (7) The early voting poll book must be updated before early
 26 voting starts each day to reflect new registered electors, absent
 27 voter ballots received, and ballots cast at early voting sites
 28 since the last update.

29 (8) After the close of the first day of early voting, the



1 board of election inspectors shall do all of the following at each
2 early voting site:

3 (a) Verify that the number of ballots tabulated equals the
4 number of electors identified in the early voting poll book as
5 having been issued ballots at the early voting site that day, and
6 note the reason for any discrepancy in the poll book.

7 (b) Remove the voted ballots from the tabulator bin and seal
8 the ballots, along with any spoiled ballots, and the early voting
9 poll book in a ballot container in the same manner as ballots are
10 sealed on election day and in accordance with section 806a.

11 (c) Record the seal number on the ballot container certificate
12 in accordance with section 806a.

13 (d) Record the seal number in the poll book.

14 (e) Print a poll list from the early voting poll book of the
15 electors who voted at the early voting site that day and add it to
16 the paper poll book.

17 (f) Report the number on the public counter on the tabulator
18 at the end of the day and at the beginning of the day in the poll
19 book.

20 (g) Secure any absent voter ballots that are to be processed
21 at the early voting site in a locked room.

22 (h) Secure each tabulator used at the early voting site in a
23 locked room.

24 (i) Lock the building in which the early voting site is
25 located.

26 (9) After the close of each subsequent day of early voting
27 after the first day of early voting, the board of election
28 inspectors shall follow the same procedure as provided in
29 subsection (8), except that on subsequent days the board of



1 election inspectors may either place the current day's ballots in
2 an unused ballot container and seal the ballots in the same manner
3 as ballots are sealed on election day or may add the current day's
4 ballots to a ballot container that was used for the previous day of
5 early voting. If the board of election inspectors elects to add the
6 current day's ballots to a ballot container that was used for the
7 previous day of early voting, the seal on the previous day's ballot
8 container must be removed, the current day's ballots and the seal
9 removed by the election inspectors must be added to the ballot
10 container, the ballot container must be resealed, and the new seal
11 number must be recorded on the ballot container certificate and in
12 the poll book. If a ballot container becomes too full to add
13 additional ballots, the election inspectors must use 1 or more
14 additional ballot containers and label the ballot container
15 certificates sequentially.

16 (10) During the required early voting period, the municipal
17 clerk or the early voting site supervisor, as appropriate, shall
18 take all necessary steps to secure the electronic voting equipment,
19 ballot containers, blank ballots, and other election materials
20 after the close of early voting each day until the opening of early
21 voting on the following day, in accordance with guidance provided
22 by the secretary of state. After the last day of early voting, the
23 municipal clerk or the early voting site supervisor, as
24 appropriate, shall deliver the electronic voting equipment, each
25 ballot container, the blank ballots, and other election materials
26 to the clerk who will oversee the closing of the election after the
27 polls close on election day. No later than the Friday before
28 election day, each municipal clerk shall post on the municipality's
29 website the location where the precinct canvass of early votes for



1 that municipality will take place and the time the precinct canvass
2 will begin.

3 (11) After the polls close on election day, the precinct
4 election inspectors shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Canvass the vote as provided in sections 801 to 810.

6 (b) Generate the totals tape and make results available to
7 those present.

8 (c) Complete the statements of results, the ballot summary,
9 and the certificate of election inspectors.

10 (d) If a ballot container is opened during the canvass, reseal
11 the ballot container and record the seal number on the ballot
12 container certificate and in the poll book.

13 (12) The county clerk shall report early voting results as a
14 separate category distinct from categories required under section
15 765a(1) and shall add these results to the total results for each
16 precinct, except for a municipality with 250 or more precincts that
17 chooses to use a ballot form that contains identical offices and
18 names as the precincts for early voting.

19 (13) If, during the county canvass of the votes, it is
20 necessary to retabulate ballots from a precinct, and any ballots
21 from that precinct are sealed in 1 or more ballot containers from
22 an early voting site that contain ballots from multiple precincts,
23 each necessary ballot container must be opened and the ballots
24 sorted by precinct so that the ballots needing to be retabulated
25 can be identified and segregated. The sorting must be done at the
26 canvass. Similarly, if there is a recount of a precinct and any
27 ballots from that precinct are sealed in 1 or more ballot
28 containers from an early voting site that contain ballots from
29 multiple precincts, each ballot container must be opened and the



1 ballots sorted by precinct as described in this subsection so that
 2 the ballots subject to the recount can be identified and
 3 segregated.

4 (14) Early voting results must not be generated or reported
 5 until after 8 p.m. on election day. An individual shall not
 6 intentionally disclose an election result from an early voting site
 7 before 8 p.m. on election day. An individual who violates this
 8 subsection is guilty of a felony.

9 Sec. 736b. Each ballot secrecy sleeve used at a primary
 10 election must either contain the following ballot marking
 11 instructions printed on the front of the ballot secrecy sleeve or
 12 must have a clear plastic pocket on the front of the ballot secrecy
 13 sleeve that contains a printed copy of the following ballot marking
 14 instructions:

15 **PRIMARY ELECTION**

16 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:
 17 [insert graphic here].

18 -- OR --

19 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the box opposite each choice
 20 as shown: [insert graphic here].

21 **IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen.

22 **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

23 **PARTISAN SECTION:** There may be multiple party sections on the
 24 ballot. Select the party section of your choice. **YOU MAY VOTE IN**
 25 **ONE PARTY SECTION ONLY; YOU CANNOT "SPLIT YOUR TICKET." IF YOU VOTE**
 26 **IN MORE THAN ONE PARTY SECTION, YOUR PARTISAN BALLOT WILL BE**
 27 **REJECTED.**

28 **DO NOT** vote for more candidates than indicated under each office
 29 title.



1 **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not
2 printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in
3 the blank space provided and completely darken the voting target
4 area. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is
5 already printed on the ballot for that office.

6 **CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT:** This ballot has two sides. Be certain
7 to check the reverse side of the ballot.

8 **WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING:** Place the ballot in the secrecy
9 sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and, **if there is a numbered**
10 **stub**, the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the
11 election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by
12 absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for
13 returning the ballot.)

14 **NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election
15 official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or
16 correct any marks made in error.

17 Sec. 736c. Each ballot secrecy sleeve used at a general
18 election must either contain the following ballot marking
19 instructions printed on the front of the ballot secrecy sleeve or
20 must have a clear plastic pocket on the front of the ballot secrecy
21 sleeve that contains a printed copy of the following ballot marking
22 instructions:

23 **GENERAL ELECTION**

24 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:
25 [insert graphic here].

26 **-- OR --**

27 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the box opposite each choice
28 as shown: [insert graphic here].

29 **IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen.



1 **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

2 **PARTISAN SECTION:** To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you
3 may cast a "mixed ticket."

4 **Mixed Ticket:** Vote for the individual candidates of your choice
5 in each office.

6 **NONPARTISAN** and **PROPOSAL SECTIONS** of the ballot (if any) must be
7 voted separately.

8 **DO NOT** vote for more candidates than indicated under each office
9 title.

10 **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not
11 printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate
12 in the blank space provided and completely darken the voting target
13 area. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name
14 is already printed on the ballot for that office.

15 **CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT:** This ballot has two sides. Be certain
16 to check the reverse side of the ballot.

17 **WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING:** Place the ballot in the secrecy
18 sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and, **if there is a numbered**
19 **stub**, the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the
20 election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by
21 absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for
22 returning the ballot.)

23 **NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election
24 official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or
25 correct any marks made in error.

26 Sec. 736d. Each ballot secrecy sleeve used at a nonpartisan
27 election must either contain the following ballot marking
28 instructions printed on the front of the ballot secrecy sleeve or
29 must have a clear plastic pocket on the front of the ballot secrecy



1 sleeve that contains a printed copy of the following ballot marking
2 instructions:

3 **NONPARTISAN ELECTION**

4 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:
5 [insert graphic here].

6 **-- OR --**

7 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the box opposite each choice as shown:
8 [insert graphic here].

9 **IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen.

10 **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

11 **DO NOT** vote for more candidates than indicated under each office
12 title.

13 **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not
14 printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in
15 the blank space provided and completely darken the voting target
16 area. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is
17 already printed on the ballot for that office.

18 **CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT:** This ballot has two sides. Be certain
19 to check the reverse side of the ballot.

20 **WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING:** Place the ballot in the secrecy
21 sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and, **if there is a numbered**
22 **stub**, the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the
23 election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by
24 absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for
25 returning the ballot.)

26 **NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election
27 official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or
28 correct any marks made in error.

29 Sec. 736e. Each ballot secrecy sleeve used at a special



1 election must either contain the following ballot marking
 2 instructions printed on the front of the ballot secrecy sleeve or
 3 must have a clear plastic pocket on the front of the ballot secrecy
 4 sleeve that contains a printed copy of the following ballot marking
 5 instructions:

6 **SPECIAL ELECTION**

7 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown:
 8 [insert graphic here].

9 -- OR --

10 **TO VOTE:** Completely darken the box opposite each choice as shown:
 11 [insert graphic here].

12 **IMPORTANT:** To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen.

13 **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

14 **CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT:** This ballot has two sides. Be certain
 15 to check the reverse side of the ballot.

16 **WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING:** Place the ballot in the secrecy
 17 sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and, **if there is a numbered**
 18 **stub**, the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the
 19 election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by
 20 absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for
 21 returning the ballot.)

22 **NOTE:** If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election
 23 official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or
 24 correct any marks made in error.

25 Sec. 795b. (1) Ballot labels ~~shall~~ **must** be printed or
 26 displayed in plain, clear, black type on white surface. Questions
 27 may be printed or displayed on red tinted surface and the names of
 28 candidates for nonpartisan offices on blue tinted surface. County
 29 questions may be printed or displayed on green tinted surface and



1 local questions may be printed or displayed on buff surface. In a
 2 primary election to identify each political party, the titles of
 3 offices and the names of candidates may be arranged in vertical
 4 columns or in a series of separate pages or displays. The office
 5 title with a statement of the number of candidates to be voted for
 6 ~~shall~~**must** be printed or displayed above or at the side of the
 7 names of the candidates for that office. The offices and candidates
 8 ~~shall~~**must** be printed or displayed in the order provided by law, or
 9 if no such provision is made, in the order prescribed by the board
 10 of election commissioners of the county, city, village, township,
 11 or school district. If there are more candidates for an office than
 12 can be printed or displayed in 1 column or on 1 page or display,
 13 the ballot label ~~shall~~**must** be clearly marked that the list of
 14 candidates is continued on the following column, page, or display,
 15 and so far as possible, the same number of names ~~shall~~**must** be
 16 printed or displayed on each column, page, or display. Arrows or
 17 other directional signs may be used to indicate the place to vote
 18 for each candidate or question.

19 (2) ~~Ballots~~**Except for ballots used for early voting that are**
 20 **produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, ballots** that are
 21 processed through electronic tabulating equipment after the elector
 22 has voted ~~shall~~**must** have an attached, numbered, perforated stub.

23 Sec. 797a. (1) Before entering the voting station, each
 24 elector shall be offered instruction in the proper method of voting
 25 on the electronic voting system. If the elector needs additional
 26 instruction after entering the voting station, 2 election
 27 inspectors from different political parties may, if necessary,
 28 enter the voting station and provide the additional instructions.

29 (2) If the electronic voting system provides for the use of a



1 ballot that is processed through electronic tabulating equipment
 2 after the elector votes, the elector shall transport the ballot to
 3 the ballot box, or other approved ballot container, without
 4 exposing any votes. ~~An~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this**
 5 **subsection, an** election inspector shall ascertain, by comparing the
 6 number appearing on the ballot stub with the number recorded on the
 7 poll list, that the ballot delivered by the voter is the same
 8 ballot that was issued to the elector. ~~If~~ **Except as otherwise**
 9 **provided in this subsection, if** the numbers do not agree, the
 10 ballot ~~shall~~ **must** be marked as "rejected", and the elector ~~shall~~
 11 **must** not be allowed to vote. ~~If~~ **Except as otherwise provided in**
 12 **this subsection, if** the numbers agree, an election inspector shall
 13 remove and discard the stub. Except as otherwise provided in this
 14 subsection, the election inspector shall deposit the ballot in the
 15 ballot box or other approved ballot container. If electronic
 16 tabulating equipment that deposits the voted ballot into the ballot
 17 box or other approved ballot container is used at the precinct, the
 18 election inspector shall return the ballot to the elector, and the
 19 elector shall ~~then~~ deposit the ballot into the electronic
 20 tabulating equipment. The electronic tabulating equipment ~~shall~~
 21 **must** be arranged so that the secrecy of the ballot is not violated.
 22 If required for the proper operation of the electronic tabulating
 23 equipment, 2 election inspectors from different political parties
 24 may periodically open the equipment to rearrange voted ballots and
 25 may transfer voted ballots to another approved ballot container.
 26 **The requirement to compare a ballot number with the poll list does**
 27 **not apply to a ballot used for early voting that is produced by an**
 28 **on-demand ballot printing system.**

29 (3) A ballot from which the stub is detached ~~shall~~ **must** not be



1 accepted by the election inspector in charge of the ballot box or
2 other approved ballot container. An elector who spoils ~~his or her~~
3 **the elector's** ballot may return ~~it~~ **the ballot** and secure another
4 ballot. The word "spoiled" ~~shall~~ **must** be written across the face of
5 the ballot, and the ballot ~~shall~~ **must** be marked and secured for
6 later return.

7 (4) A ballot of a challenged voter that has the names of
8 candidates and questions printed directly on the voted ballot ~~shall~~
9 **must** be processed in the manner prescribed for challenging a vote
10 cast by paper ballot. A challenge to a voter voting on an
11 electronic voting system that does not use an individual hard copy
12 ballot ~~shall~~ **must** be processed in the manner prescribed for
13 challenging a vote cast on a voting machine.

14 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an election
15 inspector shall not allow any portion of a ballot, including a
16 ballot stub, to be removed by any ~~person~~ **individual** other than an
17 election inspector from the polling place.

