

HOUSE BILL NO. 4819

August 26, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Wortz, Pavlov, Fox, Greene, St. Germaine, Woolford, Jenkins-Arno, Bohnak, Outman, Schriver, Maddock and Beson and referred to Committee on Election Integrity.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 82 (MCL 168.82).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 82. **(1)** The office of secretary of state or attorney
2 general ~~shall become~~ **becomes** vacant ~~upon~~ **on** the happening of any of
3 the following events: ~~Death of the incumbent; his~~
4 **(a) The incumbent's death.**
5 **(b) The incumbent's** resignation. ~~his~~
6 **(c) The incumbent's** removal from office for cause. ~~his~~

1 **(d) The incumbent's** ceasing to be a resident of ~~the~~**this**
2 state. ~~;~~ ~~his~~

3 **(e) The incumbent's** conviction of an infamous crime or an
4 offense involving the violation of ~~his~~**the incumbent's** oath of
5 office. ~~;~~ ~~the~~

6 **(f) The** decision of a competent tribunal declaring ~~his~~**the**
7 **incumbent's** election or appointment void. ~~;~~ ~~or his~~

8 **(g) The incumbent's** neglect or refusal to take and subscribe
9 to the constitutional oath of office and deposit the ~~same~~**oath of**
10 **office** in the manner and within the time prescribed by law. ~~When~~

11 **(2) In addition to subsection (1), the office of secretary of**
12 **state becomes vacant if the incumbent secretary of state files a**
13 **nominating petition or filing fee for, is nominated to, or is**
14 **appointed to, any other elected or appointed public office.**

15 **(3) Not later than 10 days after** a vacancy ~~shall occur~~**occurs**
16 ~~in any of the said offices,~~**the office of secretary of state or**
17 **attorney general,** a notice of ~~such~~**the** vacancy and the reason why
18 the ~~same~~**vacancy** exists ~~shall, within 10 days after such vacancy~~
19 ~~occurs,~~**must** be given in writing to the governor. ~~Such~~**The** notice
20 ~~shall~~**must** be given by the secretary of state unless ~~such~~**the**
21 vacancy occurs in the office of the secretary of state, then by the
22 attorney general.