

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.22a Board of state canvassers; submission of nominees to governor; appointment; vacancy; failure to submit nominees; appointee declining to serve.**

Sec. 22a.

(1) On or before the fifteenth day of January in an odd numbered year, both of the following must occur:

(a) The state central committee of each major political party shall submit to the governor the names of 3 individuals as nominees for each position that is up for reappointment that the major political party is entitled to on the board of state canvassers.

(b) The senate majority leader, senate minority leader, speaker of the house of representatives, and house minority leader shall each submit the name of 1 individual as a nominee for each position that is up for reappointment that the major political party is entitled to on the board of state canvassers.

(2) On or before the twentieth day of January in an odd numbered year, the governor shall appoint 1 individual from the 5 individuals nominated to each position of the political party on the board of state canvassers.

(3) If a vacancy in the office of a member of the board of state canvassers occurs other than the expiration of a term, the state central committee of the appropriate major political party shall submit to the governor the names of 3 individuals as nominees for the vacant position on or before the tenth day following the date of the vacancy. In addition, on or before the tenth day following the date of the vacancy on the board of state canvassers, the majority or minority leaders in the senate and house of representatives who represent the same major political party as the vacating member on the board of state canvassers shall each submit the name of 1 individual as a nominee for the vacant position.

(4) On or before the thirtieth day following the date of the vacancy, the governor shall appoint 1 individual from the 5 individuals nominated to the vacant position. A member appointed to the board of state canvassers under this subsection shall serve for the remainder of the vacant term.

(5) If the state central committee of a major political party and the majority or minority leaders in the senate and house of representatives of that same major political party fail to submit the names of nominees within the prescribed period of time in subsection (1) or (3), the governor shall appoint to the board of state canvassers an individual who was formerly elected as a state officer as a member of the appropriate major political party and who is currently affiliated with that political party. If an individual appointed by the governor under subsection (2) or (4) declines to serve, the governor shall do 1 of the following:

(a) Appoint another individual from the 5 individuals nominated by the major political party under subsection (1) or (3) to that position on the board of state canvassers.

(b) Appoint an individual who was formerly elected as a state officer as a member of the appropriate major political party and who is currently affiliated with that political party to that position on the board of state canvassers.

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