

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6001**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 659 (MCL 168.659), as added by 2003 PA 302.

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

1       Sec. 659. (1) If a county, city, ward, township, village,  
2 or school district is divided into 2 or more election precincts,  
3 the county, city, ward, township, or village election  
4 commissioners may, by resolution, consolidate the election  
5 precincts for a particular election that is not a general  
6 November election, primary election immediately before a general  
7 November election, or other statewide or federal election. In  
8 making the determination to consolidate election precincts for a  
9 particular election, the election commission shall take into  
10 consideration the number of choices the voter must make, the  
11 percentage of registered voters who voted at the last similar

1 election in the jurisdiction, and the intensity of the interest  
2 of the electors in the jurisdiction concerning the candidates and  
3 proposals to be voted upon. **Consolidated precincts shall not**  
4 **exceed 5,000 registered electors.**

5 (2) A consolidation under this section shall be made not less  
6 than 60 days before a primary, general, or special election.

7 (3) Unless the polling places for the election precincts to  
8 be consolidated are located in the same building, when a county,  
9 city, ward, township, or village consolidates election precincts  
10 for a particular election under subsection (1), the election  
11 commissioners or other designated election officials shall do  
12 both of the following:

13 (a) Provide notice to the registered electors of the affected  
14 election precincts of the consolidation of election precincts for  
15 the particular election and the location of the polling place for  
16 the election precinct or precincts for that election. Notice may  
17 be provided by mail or other method designed to provide actual  
18 notice to the registered electors.

19 (b) Post a written notice at each election precinct polling  
20 place stating the location of the consolidated election precinct  
21 polling place.

22 (4) If a county, city, ward, township, or village  
23 consolidates election precincts under this section, each affected  
24 election precinct shall be treated as a whole unit and shall not  
25 be divided during the consolidation.