

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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2014 RESOLUTION

MANY CHANGES TO MICHIGAN ELECTION LAWS WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2014 BECAME EFFECTIVE WITH THE FINAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN DECEMBER 2013 AND ARE AS NOTED BELOW.

P.A. 252 of 2103 - DOUBLES THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ALLOWS INDEPENDENT PACS TO ALSO INCREASE.

P.A. 253-257 of 2013 - CHANGES FILING DEADLINES WITH COUNTY CLERK.

P.A. 258 OF 2013 - PROVIDES COUNTY CLERK WITH MERTS SOFTWARE FOR THE FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE DOCUMENTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

HOUSE BILL 4833 - INCREASES THE COST OF RECOUNTS PER PRECINCT FROM \$10 TO \$25 EACH WITH A VOTE DIFFERENTIAL OF LESS THAN 50 VOTES OR 5% OF VOTES CAST AND INCREASES FEES TO \$125 PER PRECINCT WHEN VOTE DIFFERENTIAL IS BEYOND THE 50 VOTES OR 5% INDICATED. PASSED THE HOUSE 95-9 AND HEADED FOR SENATE APPROVAL.

HOUSE BILL 4570 - DELAY/DEFERRAL OF JURY SERVICE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WHEN IT WILL INTERFERE WITH FULL TIME STUDY. PASSED THE HOUSE 108-0 AND HEADED FOR SENATE APPROVAL.

HOUSE BILL 4878 - ALLOWS FOR LOCAL CLERKS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ELECTION DUTIES WITH OTHER LOCAL CLERKS AS APPROVED BY THEIR GOVERNING BODIES AND FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND BUREAU OF ELECTIONS. PROVIDES FOR A 60 DAY TERMINATION POLICY OF SAID ARRANGEMENTS. TO SENATE NOW.

SENATE BILL 546 - UPDATED OLD LEGISLATION REGARDING "DISTRICT" LIBRARY BOARDS AND REPHRASED LAWS TO "LOCAL LIBRARY BOARDS"

HOUSE BILL 4887 - PROPOSAL TO MOVE ALL "NEW" MILLAGE REQUESTS TO THE NOVEMBER EVEN YEAR BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION. IS NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE ELECTIONS ETHICS COMMITTEE.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS ESTABLISHED FOUR (4) STANDARD ELECTION DATES PER YEAR UNDER THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 298-306 OF 2003 INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING:

FEBRUARY 25, 2014
AUGUST 5, 2014

MAY 6, 2014
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, MCL 168.624, NOW REQUIRES PRECINCT DELEGATES TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF HIS OR HER RESIDENCE. FILING DEADLINE MAY 6, 2014. A WITHDRAWAL MUST BE FILED WITH A COUNTY CLERK MCL 168.624a. IN THE PAST, DELEGATES WERE AUTHORIZED TO FILE WITH A LOCAL CLERK PRIOR TO FILING DEADLINE. WRITE-IN DELEGATES WILL STILL BE ABLE TO FILE WITH THE LOCAL FOLLOWING THE 5/6/14 DEADLINE.

THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTING A MILLAGE QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AND THIS IS THE ONLY ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REGULAR FEBRUARY ELECTION DATE.

THE COUNTY CANVASS BOARD WILL CONDUCT THE EVEN FOUR (4) YEAR INSPECTION OF BALLOT CONTAINERS FOR EVERY VOTING PRECINCT IN BAY COUNTY APPROXIMATELY MARCH 2014. FURTHER, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AND ISSUE THE NECESSARY CERTIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS IN JUNE 2014.

AT THIS TIME, NO ISSUES HAVE BEEN PRESENTED FOR THE MAY 2014 BALLOT FOR VOTER CONSIDERATION.

THE COUNTY CLERK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVEN YEAR COUNTY WIDE TRAINING OF ELECTION INSPECTORS SET FOR JULY 2014.

COUNTY AND LOCAL CLERKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MANY MORE TRAINING SESSIONS AS PART OF A STATE MANDATED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN 2014.

UPGRADED VERSIONS OF VOTING TABULATORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN MARCH 2014 WITH A COUNTYWIDE ROLL OUT OF THE STATE SELECTED MODEL PROJECTED FOR THE END OF 2016, EARLY 2017.

NEW LEGISLATION WILL PLACE THE ELECTION OF METRO WATER DISTRICT OFFICIALS ON THE NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. CLERK LUCZAK AND ATTORNEYS M. FITZHUGH AND J. MCQUILLAN HAVE MET WITH METRO DISTRICT OFFICIALS IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR THIS CHANGE.

IN ORDER TO CREATE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE ELECTION PROCESS, THE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS HAS SPELLED OUT A POST AUDIT EVALUATION WHICH COUNTY CLERKS MUST PERFORM FOR SPECIFIED VOTING PRECINCTS, FOLLOWING EACH ELECTION, EFFECTIVE NOV. 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BAY COUNTY CLERK OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY BY THIS COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND PROVIDE THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE 2014 ELECTIONS FOR WHICH THE CLERK AND/OR DESIGNEE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

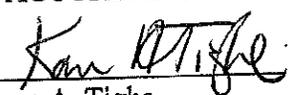
BY THIS RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE PAYMENT OF ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014. THE CLERK SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE COST OF PRINTING/ PREPARING BALLOTS. ONLY ONE VENDOR NEED BE SELECTED FOR ALL ELECTIONS TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR. THE FUNCTION OF PROGRAMMING/CODING OF EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PERFORMED BY SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO THE BAY COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM, ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE. AUTOMARK SERVICE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE PERFORMED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AT NO COST AND EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF A PURCHASE POLICY.

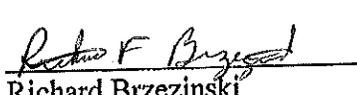
FURTHER, SAID COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE COSTS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS, PROGRAMMING/CODING OF THE BALLOTS; PRECINCT WORKERS' TRAINING AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTION STAFF; BOARD OF CANVASSER TRAINING/PER DIEM; AUTOMARK PROGRAMMING/ SETUP; EQUIPMENT REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE; RELATED EXPENSES TO BALLOT INSPECTION SERVICE; EXPENSES FOR EDUCATION GUIDELINES AND ANY OTHER COSTS RELATED TO PERFORMING THE STATUTORY ELECTION DUTIES UNDER MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

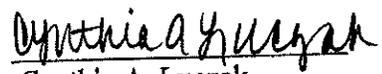
ALL EXPENDITURES SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY OF BAY AS ALLOCATED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET ACT RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND REQUESTED OF THIS BODY, THE CLERK SHALL PROVIDE A CERTIFIED LIST OF THE NAMES OF THOSE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON EACH ELECTION BALLOT. PROOFING OF THE BALLOTS HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO THE CLERK/DESIGNEE WITH FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION PRIOR TO PRINTING OF THE BALLOTS. THE CLERK WILL ALSO NOTIFY PROBATE JUDGE KAREN TIGHE WHEN ELECTION FUNCTIONS ARE CONCLUDED AND THE ELECTION MATERIALS ARE SECURED, BEFORE THE BOARD OF CANVASSER INSPECTIONS.

THE 2014 ELECTION COMMISSION RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED AND EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, ON JANUARY 29, 2014.


Karen A. Tighe
Judge of Probate
2-6-14


Richard Brzezinski
Treasurer of Bay County
2-6-14


Cynthia A. Luczak
Clerk of Bay County

Bay County Election Commission - Update 2013/2014

- January 1, 2013 MCL 168.305 (2) effective January 1, 2013 amended the requirement for the County Clerk to meet with and hold public hearings with Delta College; Bay Arenac ISD Administration and respective Bay County school districts for execution of Election Consolidation Plans from two (2) year intervals to four (4) year intervals to plan for election processes.
- January 2013 House Bills 6060 and 6063 with immediate effect amended the Recall Process to include provisions for a two year office different from four year office; sends recall of state officers to State Board of Canvassers; requires the allegations to be factual and changed signature deadlines.
- May 6, 2013 Public Act 523 of 2012 allowed Cities to move their odd year election date to November even year elections and the City of Auburn approved Resolution 2013-2 commencing with the November 2016 election.
- July 30, 2013 Buena Vista School District eliminated by the State of Michigan.
- October 21, 2013 Public Act 425 of 2012 allowed Cities to moved their odd year election date to November even year elections and the City of Pinconning also approved a Resolution commencing with the November 2016 election.
- November 7, 2013 City of Auburn City Charter Revision(s) approved by the State of Michigan and passed by the voters at the November odd year election.
- November 8, 2013 City of Pinconning advised by the County Clerk to update the old City Charter following the process outlined by the City of Auburn.
- November 12, 2013 House Bill 4878 passed by the House (not Senate as of 12/3/2013) to allow for County/City/Township Clerks to enter into agreements for election related duties and maintenance of the Qualified Voter File by written agreement and approval of governing board. (Proposed after a local clerk walked off the job/local clerk had immediate illness.)
- November 20, 2013 House Bill 4833 raised the Recount fees per precinct following the Recount of all precincts in Wayne County after 11/7/2013 election.
- November 25, 2013 Received notification from the State of Michigan regarding the portion of the Buena Vista School District removal from the Bay City School District and combined into Bridgeport-Spaulding; Frankenmuth & Saginaw Public Schools.

November 30, 2013 Revised edition of Ballot Production Standards released and on the Secretary of State website for review effective for the 2014 ballots. All Clerks in the State of Michigan told to prepare for 2 page ballots in future elections.

December 1, 2013 Held meetings with Metro Water District officials and M. Fitzhugh in regard over the course of the entire year for implementation of HB 4121 and 4122 which places metro water board members on eleven year November ballots for election to office. J. McQuillan prepared letter to forward to officials.

December 1, 2013 Upgraded voting equipment being tested and certified for implementation with 2016 elections. Smaller/Faster/Lighter/Will Scan images of ballots /A Single machine with ADA features incorporated into one (1) device.

February 25, 2014 Bangor Township School District Bond Question

May 6, 2014

August 5, 2014 Essexville Hampton Bond Question

November 4, 2014