

# SENATE BILL NO. 290

March 24, 2021, Introduced by Senators OUTMAN, LASATA, HORN, STAMAS, ZORN, BIZON, BARRETT, DALEY and VANDERWALL and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 730 (MCL 168.730), as amended by 1995 PA 261;  
and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 730. (1) At an election, a political party ~~or an~~  
2 ~~incorporated organization or organized committee of citizens~~  
3 ~~interested in the adoption or defeat of a ballot question being~~  
4 ~~voted for or upon at the election, or interested in preserving the~~

1 ~~purity of elections and in guarding against the abuse of the~~  
 2 ~~elective franchise, that has a candidate on the ballot, or a~~  
 3 **candidate whose name is on the ballot**, may designate challengers as  
 4 provided in this act. Except as otherwise provided in this act, a  
 5 political party ~~, incorporated organization, or organized committee~~  
 6 ~~of interested citizens or candidate~~ may designate not more than 2  
 7 challengers to serve in a precinct at any 1 time. A political party  
 8 ~~, incorporated organization, or organized committee of interested~~  
 9 ~~citizens or candidate~~ may designate not more than 1 challenger to  
 10 serve at each counting board.

11 (2) A challenger ~~shall~~**must** be a registered elector of this  
 12 state. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a candidate  
 13 for nomination or election to an office shall not serve as a  
 14 challenger at the election in which he or she is a candidate. A  
 15 candidate for the office of delegate to a county convention may  
 16 serve as a challenger in a precinct other than the 1 in which he or  
 17 she is a candidate. ~~A person~~**An individual** who is appointed as an  
 18 election inspector at an election shall not act as a challenger at  
 19 any time during the election day.

20 (3) A challenger may be designated to serve in more than 1  
 21 precinct. The political party ~~, incorporated organization, or~~  
 22 ~~organized committee of interested citizens or candidate~~ shall  
 23 indicate which precincts the challenger will serve when designating  
 24 challengers under subsection (1). If more than 1 challenger of a  
 25 political party ~~, incorporated organization, or organized committee~~  
 26 ~~of interested citizens or candidate~~ is serving in a precinct at any  
 27 ~~1~~**one** time, only 1 of the challengers has the authority to initiate  
 28 a challenge at any given time. The challengers ~~shall~~**must** indicate  
 29 to the board of election inspectors which of the 2 ~~will have~~

1 **challengers has** this authority. The challengers may change this  
2 authority and ~~shall~~**must** indicate the change to the board of  
3 election inspectors.

4 (4) At all times while serving as a challenger in a precinct,  
5 an individual must wear a visible identification badge provided by  
6 the political party or candidate that includes all of the  
7 following:

8 (a) The words "challenger".

9 (b) The name of the challenger.

10 (c) The name of the political party or candidate designating  
11 the challenger to serve.

12 (d) The city or township, and precinct number or numbers in  
13 that city or township, where the challenger is designated to serve.

14 Enacting section 1. Section 731 of the Michigan election law,  
15 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.731, is repealed.