

SENATE BILL NO. 297

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

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 24e (MCL 168.24e), as amended by 2018 PA 614.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 24e. (1) The board **of county canvassers** shall meet as
2 necessary to transact their business, and during the month of
3 January in each even numbered year elect 1 of their members
4 chairperson and 1 as vice-chairperson. Any 3 members constitute a
5 quorum, but no action becomes effective unless 1 member from each

1 political party represented concurs in the action. **When canvassing**
2 **the returns of votes as provided in section 822, at least 1 member**
3 **from each political party represented must be present during the**
4 **entire canvassing of returns.**

5 (2) The county clerk is the clerk of the board of county
6 canvassers. ~~The~~ **Subject to this subsection, the** county clerk may
7 employ any assistants as are necessary to adequately perform the
8 duties of the board **of county canvassers. The board of county**
9 **canvassers must approve the hiring of each assistant the clerk**
10 **employs before that assistant is hired. An assistant must not be**
11 **hired unless approved by the board of county canvassers and 1**
12 **member from each political party represented approves the hiring.**
13 The payment for the assistants must be in amounts authorized by the
14 county clerk and must be paid from an appropriation made for that
15 purpose by the county board of commissioners before the canvass.