



# ELECTION NEWS

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## **PA 12 of 2005 Eliminates Need for Delayed Canvass of "Headlee Override" Proposals**

On April 28, 2005, Public Act 12 of 2005 (House Bill 4570) was signed into law with immediate effect to eliminate the need for the delayed canvass and certification process provided under Michigan election law, MCL 168.831.

As detailed in *Election News*, Issue No. 17, PA 302 of 2003 amended Michigan election law, MCL 168.831, to provide that if a proposal appears on the May election ballot concerning authorized millage subject to a millage reduction as provided under MCL 211.34d of the General Property Tax Act ("Headlee override"), the board of canvassers is required to canvass and certify the votes cast on the proposal after May 31 and before June 15 following the election. Public Act 12 of 2005 effectively eliminated the need for the delayed canvass by moving the threshold date for authorized millage rollback calculations from May 31 to April 30.

Public Act 12 of 2005 can be accessed on the website maintained by the State Legislature <[www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)>.

## **School District Election Turnout Survey Attached: Response Requested**

If you are a county clerk or a local clerk who serves as the secretary to a canvassing board responsible for certifying a school district election conducted on May 3, 2005, please return the accompanying "School District Election Turnout Survey" no later than May 6, 2005.

Please feel free to return the survey form by fax or by mail as convenient. Questions regarding the survey can be directed to Steve Luck of the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections: Phone: (517) 373-2540; Fax: (517) 241-1592; Email: [LuckS@michigan.gov](mailto:LuckS@michigan.gov).

Please note that with the development of the attached survey, copies of the canvassers' statements prepared for the May 3 election will not be requested as referenced in *Election News*, Issue No. 17.

<p><b>School District Election Turnout Survey</b></p> <p><i>-- Please respond no later than May 6, 2005 --</i></p>
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If you are a county clerk or a local clerk who serves as the secretary to a canvassing board responsible for certifying a school district election conducted on May 3, 2005, please return this survey no later than May 6, 2005. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

**CANVASSING BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

List each school district election certified by the canvassing board identified above:	Total turnout for May 3 election (include all absentee voters and all voters who attended the polls):	Total turnout for school district's June 2004 election* (include all absentee voters and all voters who attended the polls):
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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\* Note: If the school district did not conduct a regular school district election in June 2004, enter turnout figure for the most recent regular election conducted by the school district prior to May 3, 2005.

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