

All Bills in Senate Elections Committee		Updated 6/25/2021			
Bill Number	Sponsors	Summary	League Position	Status	
1 ABSENTEE VOTING					
SB 273 1 In twice	Johnson, Runestad, Lasata, Horn, Theis, Victory, Bizon, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Stamas, Zorn, Vanderwall, Barrett	Absentee Voting - regulates Absentee Ballot Drop Box - must be approved by SOS and County Board of Canvassers (later bill increases size of canvassers and requires vote from both parties). Has to have video camera and regulates how ballots are picked up.	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/5/2021	
2 SB 278	MacDonald, Horn, Lasata, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Vanderwall	Absentee Voting -new requirements for transporting ballots from drop box	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/5/2021	
3 SB 283 or SB 334	LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Vanderwall, Schmidt	Absentee Voting - prior to August and Nov elections, board of county canvassers must examine and approve every absentee vote ballot secrecy envelope container. Allow clerks in large jurisdictions to begin processing but not counting absentee ballots the day before the election. Report required to House and Senate on absentee ballots	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on SB 334 on 5/5/2021 (sponsored by Senator Johnson)	

4	SB 285 In Twice	Theis, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Lauwers, Vanderwall	Absentee Voting - substitute would require an individual who applies for an absentee ballot through the Department of State or their local clerk to verify their identity through one of several options: by providing their Michigan driver's license number, providing their Michigan personal identification card number, providing the last four digits of their Social Security number, showing their valid ID to their local clerk for election purposes or attaching or sending a copy of their ID for election purposes along with their ballot application in the mail.	Oppose	Passed Senate with substitute on 6/16/21, and assigned to the House Elections & Ethics Committee.
5	SB 286	McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Absentee Voting - drop boxes cannot be used after 5 p.m. the day before the election	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on and substitute adopted on 5/5/2021 that changes closing time for drop boxes to 5 p.m. on election day
6	SB 287	Stamas, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Zorn, Outman	Absentee Ballot - prohibit clerks from providing prepaid postage of absentee ballots	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee -hearing on 4/28/2021
7	SB 310	Johnson, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Victory, Barrett, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Absentee Ballots - prohibits sending absentee ballot applications without a request, and bans link on SOS website to application	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/26/2021- substitute adopted
8	SB 334	Johnson	Absentee Ballots - allows preprocessing the same as in 2020	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/5/2021
2 BALLOT PROPOSALS					
9	SB 280	Johnson, Lasata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Ballot Proposals - requires the Secretary of State to complete canvas if an initiative petition within 100 days after files with SOS - add change to submit from 160 days to 200 before the election	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 4/28/2021. 9/2/2021 committee reported a substitute to the Senate floor.

10	SB 307	Theis, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Vanderwall	Ballot Proposals - requires full text of ballot proposal to be printed on ballot and absentee ballot	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/26/2021
		3 COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS			
11	SB 273 In twice	Johnson, Runestad, Lasata, Horn, Theis, Victory, Bizon, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Stamas, Zorn, Vanderwall, Barrett	County Board of Canvassers - regulates Absentee Ballot Drop Box - must be approved by SOS and County Board of Canvassers (later bill increases size of canvassers and requires vote from both parties). Has to have video camera and other monitoring and regulates how ballots are picked up.	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/5/2021
12	SB 296	McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Bumstead, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	County Board of Canvassers - abolishes 4 member boards for counties with more than 200,000 in 2022. 200,000-750,000 have 6 members, 750,000 and more to have 8 members, 2 member from each party required to vote with majority, staggered terms	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/2021
13	SB 297	McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Bumstead, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	County Board of Canvassers - must approve hiring of assistant clerks with one member from each political party approving, and requires at least one member from each party at canvassing	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/2021
14	SB 298	McBroom, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Vanderwall	County Board of Canvassers - changes 14 days for canvassers reporting to 21 days for all deadlines	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/2021
		4 Criminal Penalties			
15	SB 291	Outman, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Bizon, Barrett, Daley, Vanderwall	Criminal Penalties to expand election-related felonies	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/2021

16	SB 293	Outman, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Barrett Vanderwall	Criminal Penalties with SB 292	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/2021
17	SB 301	Schmidt, LaSata, Horn, Barrett, Vanderwall	Criminal Penalties - violate SB 300 confidentiality	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/2021
5 ELECTION FINANCE					
18	SB 284	Lauwers, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daleu, Outman, Vanderwall	Election Finance - SOS must report every contract for election activity to the Legislature. Prohibit the state, counties, cities and townships from accepting contributions for election activity	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/26/2021
19	SB 289	Nesbitt, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Election Finance - limits use of election related federal funds, requires Legislature to appropriate and if not appropriated within 90 days or money is returned to federal government	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/26/2021
6 ELECTION INSPECTORS					
20	SB 294	Outman, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett	Election Inspectors - requires appointment of no more than 2 election inspectors from a major political party for every 1 election inspector appointed by other major party	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
21	SB 295	Victory, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Outman	Election Inspectors - training includes verifying count every hour using total number of ballots issued and the total number of ballots tabulated	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
22	SB 299	Zorn, LaSata, Horn, Bumstead, Theis, Stamas, Daley, Vanderwall	Election Inspectors - must deliver the sealed envelope with the election returns and a vote tally sheet to the clerk by noon on the day after the election	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/21
7 ELECTION OBSERVERS					

23	SB 275	Runestad, Lasata, Horn, Theis, Bizon, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Stamas, Zorn, Vanderwall, Barrett	Election Observers - allows individuals from each political party to observe and make video recording of audit and videos of ballot custody after 8 p.m. on election day	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/21
24	SB 276	Runestad, Lasata, Horn, Theis, Bizon, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Stamas, Zorn, Vanderwall, Barrett, Victory	Election Observers - allows at counting board-election inspectors, election challengers, and poll watchers photographing and videotaping the tabulating of votes	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/21
25	SB 288	Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Election Observers - statewide election audits by members of the two major political parties, allow political parties to designate observers, and require SOS to live video stream. No role for non-profits.	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/19/21
8 PHOTO ID					
26	SB 285 In Twice	Theis, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Lauwers, Vanderwall	Photo ID - substitute bill would require an individual who applies for an absentee ballot through the Department of State or their local clerk to verify their identity through one of several options: by providing their Michigan driver's license number, providing their Michigan personal identification card number, providing the last four digits of their Social Security number, showing their valid ID to their local clerk for election purposes or attaching or sending a copy of their ID for election purposes along with their ballot application in the mail.	Oppose	Substitute passed Senate on 6/16/21, assigned to House Elections and Ethics Committee
27	SB 303	Barrett, Bumstead, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Daley, Outman, Lauwers, Vanderwall	Photo ID - bans affidavit for having no ID when voting, given provisional ballot instead - the House substitute adds a signature verification in electronic poll book for everyone	Oppose	

28	SB 304	Vanderwall, LaSata, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Daley, Outman, Lauwers	Allows elector to verify status within 6 days of the election if used a provisional ballot. ID must include address or would need a utility bill or bank statement to verify address	Oppose	Passed Senate on 6/16/21, reported by House Elections & Ethics Committee with a substitute, passed House, 6/24/21 - 58-52 vote - returned to Senate (Senate has to agree to House changes)
		9 POLL CHALLENGERS			
29	SB 279	Johnson, Lasata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Vanderwall	Poll Challengers - Regulates absentee counting boards and the number of challengers allowed, 2 challengers for every 2999 absentee ballots - also allows replacements. No Nonprofits allowed	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee, hearing on 5/12/2021
30	SB 290 In twice	Outman, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Daley, Vanderwall	Poll Challengers - Requires name badge as a challenger that includes the words challenger and the political party, and city, township and precinct number	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
31	SB 292	Outman, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Vanderwall	Poll Challengers - requires comprehensive training program for election challengers to complete- 3 year period, eliminates challengers for ballot proposals	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
32	SB 309	Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Victory, Barrett, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Poll Challenger - requires challengers to be able to read and observe the poll book, adds reason for challenges, allows obtaining vote at precinct when closed, allows videotaping, and written explanation if expelled	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
		10 QUALIFIED VOTER FILE			
33	SB 277	MacDonald, Horn, Lasata, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, Outman, Vanderwall	Qualified Voter File -Requires county clerks to flag voter registration records of deceased voters in the qualified voter file every two weeks, and require county clerks and the secretary of state to post data regarding voter registration records of deceased voters flagged by county clerks.	Oppose	Senate Elections Committee adopted a substitute and sent to the Senate on 6/16/21; passed Senate 31-4 and assigned to H. Elections & Ethics Committee 6/24/21

34	SB 281	LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Qualified Vote File - Requires SOS to participate in multi-state service to verify current residence and voter registration not later than March 1 each year. Must give a written report to MI House and Senate. Also in addition 120 days before November general election shall participate in multi-state program and look for anyone who improperly voted and investigate. Report on website. No standards and mandatory	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 4/21/2021
35	SB 282	Barrett, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Victory, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Qualified Voter File - limit access to Secretary of State, voter registration agency, county, city, township clerks	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 4/28/2021
11 OTHER BILLS					
36	SB 274	Johnson, LaSata, Horn, Victory, Outman, Vanderwall, Schmidt	Voter Registration - Allows pre-registration of those 16-17 1/2- must have drivers' license or state ID	Support the concept	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 4/28/2021
37	SB 290 In twice	Outman, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Barrett, Daley, Vanderwall	Poll Challengers - Requires name badge as a challenger that includes the words challenger and the political party, and city, township and precinct number	Support the concept	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
38	SB 300	Schmidt, LaSata, Horn, Barrett, Vanderwall	Early Voting - requires polls open on the second Saturday prior to the election, counted the same as election day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Support the concept	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/12/21
39	SB 302	LaSata, Bumstead, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Barrett, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Registration - adds language to state that the elector does not claim voting residence or right to vote in another state	Oppose	Senate Elections Committee adopted a substitute and sent to the Senate on 6/16/21; passed Senate 30-5 and assigned to House Elections & Ethics Committee
40	SB 305	Zorn, Horn, Theis, Stamas	SOS - bans the name or likeness of an elected or appointed official to appear in any communication that is paid with public money and involves election related activities	Oppose	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 4/28/2021. On 6/2/2021 the committee reported the bill, 3-1 vote.

41	SB 306	Victory, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Barrett	Clerks - requires the SOS to submit a report to the Legislature and post with 45 days of an election the names of clerks not up to date on training	Support the concept	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 4/21/2021. On 9/2/2021, committee reported the substitute to the Senate floor.
42	SB 308	Daley, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Theis, Stamas, Zorn, Bizon, Victory, Barrett, Outman	Signature Verification - mandates the SOS to establish signature verification rules and requires signature verification training	Support the concept	In Senate Elections Committee - hearing on 5/5/2021
43	SB 311	Johnson, Bumstead, LaSata, Horn, Stamas, Zorn, Victory, Barrett, Daley, Outman, Vanderwall	Absentee Ballots - allows electronic return for military. Does not allow dependents to return electronically.	Support the concept but needs to be broader	Senate Elections Committee adopted a substitute and sent to the Senate on 6/16/21; passed Senate 34-1 and assigned to House Elections & Ethics Committee
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