



The Circuit Court
for the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan
701 City-County Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

JAMES J. RASHID
CHIEF JUDGE

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Cases Arising Out of Election Procedures for
November 5, 1996 General Election

Effective Date: October 23, 1996

In order to achieve timely and consistent dispositions, as well as efficient and orderly compliance with the directives of the Michigan Supreme Court (copy attached) concerning emergency procedures for Election Day, November 5, 1996, all cases or proceedings arising out of or regarding election procedures filed on or before November 5, 1996, shall be assigned to the Chief Judge. This includes all such matters, regardless of whether they are filed before, during or after normal working hours.

Election-related emergency matters arising outside of normal working hours will be handled through the usual emergency judge procedures requiring the party or attorney to first contact the Court Administrator.

Dated: October 23, 1996



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TO: ALL MICHIGAN JUDGES, COURT ADMINISTRATORS
AND CLERKS OF THE COURT

FROM: John D. Ferry, Jr., Deputy State Court Administrator 

RE: Emergency Procedures, Election Day, November 5, 1996

The Michigan Supreme Court has approved the following emergency procedures for Election Day, November 5, 1996.

1. No court proceedings regarding election procedures are to be instituted or orders issued except upon written complaint filed pursuant to the pertinent MCR provision.
2. The Supreme Court Clerk, telephone (517)373-0120, is to be notified immediately upon the filing of a complaint in any court regarding election procedures. The chief judge of the court concerned is responsible for ensuring that this notice is given.
3. In all matters regarding election procedures, a full and complete record must be kept.
4. Prior to the issuance of any order regarding election procedures by the court in which the written complaint has been filed, said court shall certify the controlling question or questions involved, in conformity with the procedures set out in MCR 7.305(a) except that, in this instance said court shall address the question or questions directly to the Supreme Court without prior reference to the Governor. Prior to transmittal to the Supreme Court of the written question or questions and the complaint and any other record made, the written question or questions shall be telephoned to the Supreme Court Clerk.
5. All communications to the Supreme Court in accordance with the foregoing shall be addressed to the Supreme Court Clerk, P. O. Box 30052, Law Building, Lansing, MI 48909, telephone (517)373-0120.