

**Freedom of Information Request Under the
The Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. Section 552 as Amended by
Public Law No. 104-231, 110 Stat. 3048 and
Michigan Freedom of Information Act 442 of 1976**

To: FOIA Administrator -

The West Michigan News Company requests the immediate access to the ballots of the General Election of 2008 under 15.231, Section 1 (2) of the Michigan Act, and Section (a) 3. A & B of the Federal Act. Our representatives and reporters wish to observe each and every ballot and take pictures as they so desire. The WMNC authorizes reasonable fees not to exceed \$75. Copies of the applicable sections are listed below.

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Place Name, address, & telephone # here

Applicable Federal Section:

(3)(A) Except with respect to the records made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, each agency, upon request for records which ~~(A) (i)~~ reasonably describes such records and ~~(B) (ii)~~ is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any), and procedures to be followed, shall make the records promptly available to any person.

(B) In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format. Each agency shall make reasonable efforts to maintain its records in forms or formats that are reproducible for purposes of this section.

Applicable Michigan Section:

15.231 Short title; public policy.

Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "freedom of information act".

(2) It is the public policy of this state that all persons, except those persons incarcerated in state or local correctional facilities, are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process.