

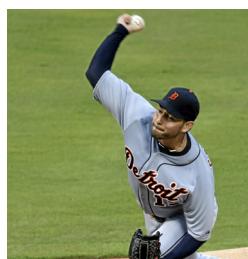
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**ELECTIONS**

## Candidate's past voting record criticized

Lucido has missed every school election since 1998

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A state House candidate running on a "Families First" agenda to boost the next generation of Michigan workers has failed to vote in every local school election since 1998, according to county records.

Pete Lucido, a Shelby Township Republican competing in the hotly contested race for north Macomb's 36th House District, has failed to cast ballots in key elections scheduled by the local Utica Community Schools, the Macomb Intermediate School District, which runs special education programs, and Macomb

Community College's ballot issues for selection of MCC members and technological improvements to the college.

Election records from 1998-2012 show the prominent divorce attorney and first-time candidate has missed all-important votes for president, governor, and the county's



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**MACOMB TWP.**

## ACLU says political sign ordinance unconstitutional

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The American Civil Liberties Union says Macomb Township's new political sign ordinance violates the constitutional right to free speech and demands the township to immediately repeal it.

ACLU attorney David Rattke says in a June 25 letter to Supervisor Janet Dunn

that the ordinance passed in February illegally targets political speech over commercial or any other type of expression. The new requirements exceed those for commercial signs, he said.

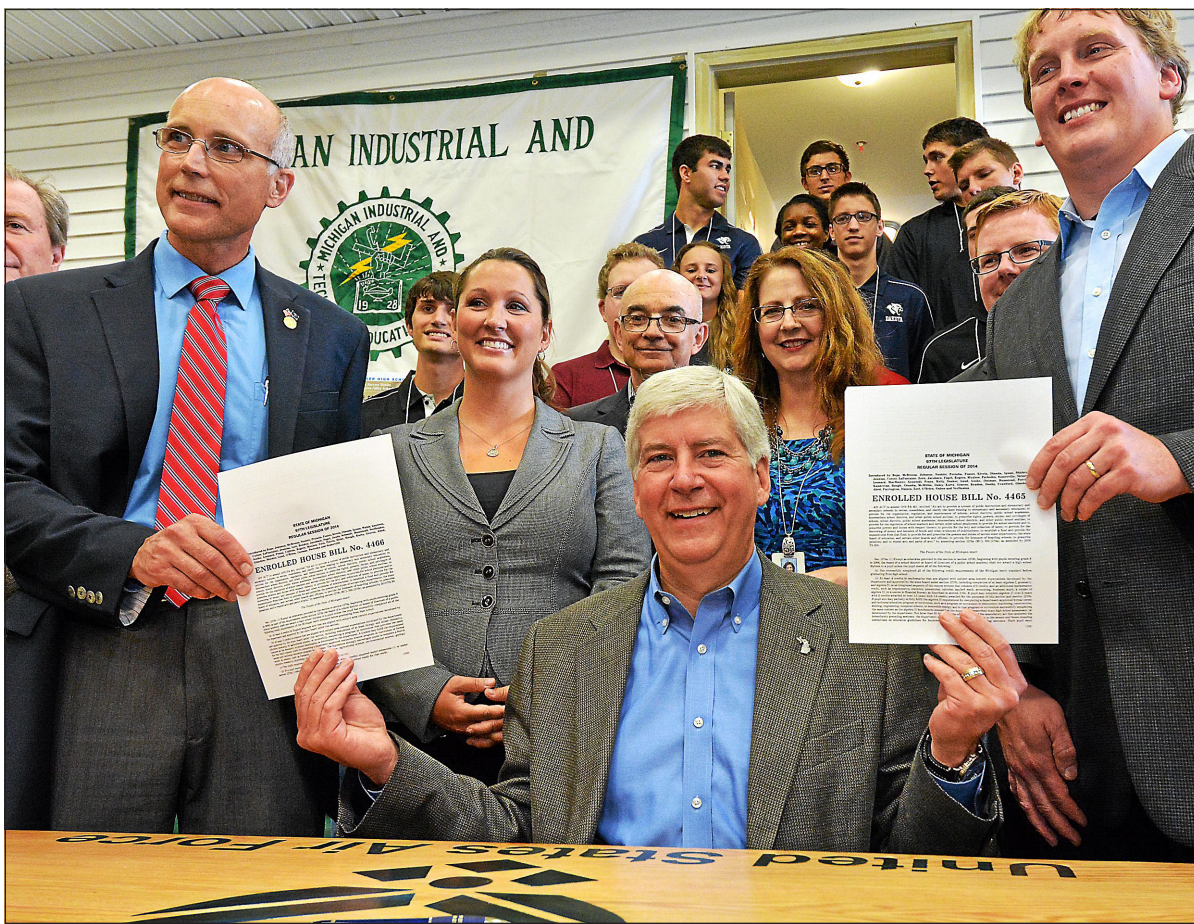
Rattke tells Dunn the township "must" undo the ordinance no later than July 10.

"The right to express one's opinions on political issues without excessive interference

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**EDUCATION**

## SKILLED-TRADES GETTING A BOOST



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Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder hands over the two bills signed to State Representatives Joel Johnson (left) and Ed McBroom.



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Gov. Rick Snyder talks to the crowd as students and alumni from Dakota High School's skilled-trades programs listen in background.

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When Gov. Rick Snyder took a seat at a Dakota High School facility on Wednesday to sign into law legislation that will boost skilled-trades — Career Technical Education — in Michigan high schools, he didn't have to look far to see evidence of CTE's value.

The intricately carved wood desk brought in for the bill-signing ceremony was meticulously created by Andrew Balprez, a 2012 Dakota High graduate, who learned to master computerized woodworking technology while attending CTE classes as a senior.

The desk serves as a tribute to the U.S. Air Force and to Balprez's fa-

ther, Andy, an Air Force veteran, with computer-assisted carvings of the F-22 military aircraft. Balprez downloaded schematic drawings for the F-22 jet from a government website. He plugged those blueprints into a high-tech carving/grinding machine to produce exact replicas of the plane's features.

Now a full-time student at Macomb Community College, Balprez said he was honored his award-winning desk was chosen for the event, and he explained that he took time outside of class to complete the project.

"It took about six months. At home, I worked on it at least 45 minutes to an hour every day. I loved every bit of it," he said.

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