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Typo will cost Michigan county \$40K

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GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (October 10, 2006 05:10 PM EDT) - Ottawa County will pay about \$40,000 to correct an embarrassing typo on its Nov. 7 election ballot: The "L" was left out of "public."

A total of 170,000 ballots will have to be reprinted.

The mistake appeared in the text of a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would ban some types of affirmative action.

The word "public" was misspelled one of the six times it appears, county Clerk Daniel C. Krueger said Tuesday. Five or six people in his office had proofread the ballot, but it was an election clerk who found the mistake early last week.

"It's just one of those words," Krueger said. "Even after we told people it was in there, they still read over it."

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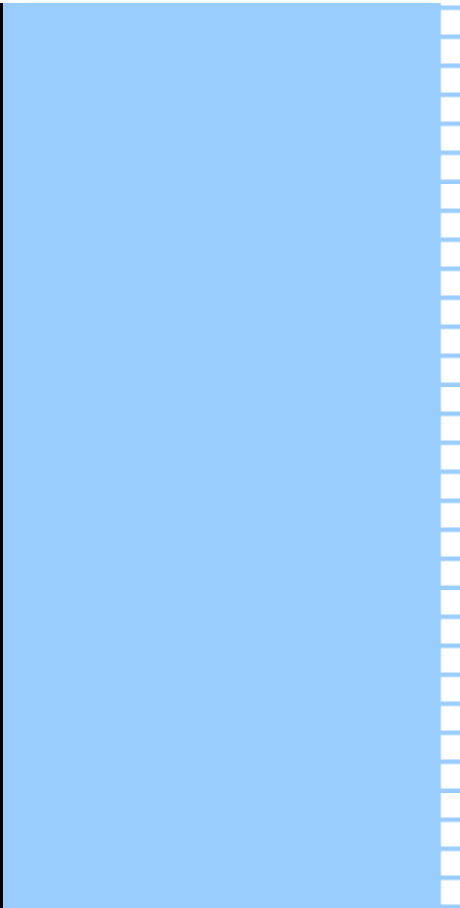
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