

SENATE BILL NO. 274

March 24, 2021, Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, LASATA, HORN, VICTORY, OUTMAN, VANDERWALL and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 496a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 496a. (1) An individual may preregister to vote at a**
2 **secretary of state office if he or she meets all of the following**
3 **requirements:**

4 **(a) Is at least 16 years of age but less than 17-1/2 years of**
5 **age.**

1 (b) Has been issued either a graduated licensing status to
2 operate a motor vehicle under section 310e of the Michigan vehicle
3 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.310e, or an official state personal
4 identification card under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

5 (c) Is a citizen of the United States.

6 (2) The secretary of state is authorized to create a
7 preregistration to vote application. An individual shall
8 preregister to vote on the application prescribed by the secretary
9 of state.

10 (3) An individual who preregisters to vote under this section
11 becomes a registered elector at 17-1/2 years of age and is eligible
12 to vote at the first election after he or she becomes 18 years of
13 age.

14 (4) Immediately upon receipt of a preregistration to vote
15 application, the secretary of state shall transmit the
16 preregistration to vote application to the appropriate city or
17 township clerk and shall transmit the electronic data for the
18 preregistration to the qualified voter file. The preregistration to
19 vote application must be held in a separate file and must not be
20 moved to the master file until the individual who filed the
21 preregistration to vote application becomes 17-1/2 years of age.

22 (5) The qualified voter file must not include the name of an
23 individual who preregisters to vote on a precinct voter list before
24 the individual becomes 18 years of age.

25 (6) If an individual who preregisters to vote changes the
26 address that appears on his or her driver license or official state
27 personal identification card, the preregistration to vote address
28 for that individual must also be changed.

29 (7) When an individual who preregisters to vote becomes 17-1/2

1 years of age, the secretary of state shall do both of the
2 following:

3 (a) Review information obtained through the United States
4 Social Security Administration's death master file to determine if
5 the individual who preregistered to vote is deceased.

6 (b) Review information obtained through any multistate
7 program, service, or compact that this state participates in to
8 determine if the individual who preregistered to vote has moved to
9 another state.

10 (8) If the secretary of state determines under subsection (7)
11 that an individual who preregistered to vote is deceased or has
12 moved to another state, the secretary of state shall cancel the
13 preregistration to vote for that individual.

14 (9) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (8), when an
15 individual who preregisters to vote becomes 17-1/2 years of age,
16 the secretary of state shall send a notice through the qualified
17 voter file to the appropriate city or township clerk directing the
18 clerk to send a voter identification card to the individual who
19 preregistered to vote.

20 (10) The city or township clerk who receives a notice from the
21 secretary of state under subsection (9) shall send a voter
22 identification card to the individual who preregistered to vote and
23 shall add that individual to the master file.