

SENATE BILL NO. 282

March 24, 2021, Introduced by Senators BARRETT, LASATA, HORN, THEIS, STAMAS, ZORN, VICTORY, DALEY, OUTMAN and VANDERWALL and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 509r (MCL 168.509r), as amended by 2018 PA 125.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 509r. (1) The secretary of state shall establish and
2 maintain the computer system and programs necessary to the
3 operation of the qualified voter file. The secretary of state shall
4 allow each county, city, or township access to the qualified voter
5 file. The county, city, and township clerks shall verify the
6 accuracy of the names and addresses of registered electors in the

1 qualified voter file. **Only the secretary of state, a designated**
2 **voter registration agency, or a county, city, or township clerk**
3 **shall have access to the qualified voter file.**

4 (2) Subject to subsection (3), the secretary of state and
5 county, city, and township clerks shall compile the qualified voter
6 file that consists of all qualified electors from the following
7 sources and in the following priority:

8 (a) A driver license or, if there is no driver license, a
9 state personal identification card, including renewals and changes
10 of address with the department of state.

11 (b) An application for benefits or services, including
12 renewals and changes of address, taken by a designated voter
13 registration agency.

14 (c) An application to register to vote taken by a county,
15 city, or township clerk.

16 (3) An individual whose name does not otherwise appear in the
17 qualified voter file must be placed in the qualified voter file
18 only if the individual signs under penalty of perjury an
19 application that contains an attestation that the applicant meets
20 all of the following requirements:

21 (a) Is 17-1/2 years of age or older.

22 (b) Is a citizen of the United States and this state.

23 (c) Is a resident of the city or township where the
24 individual's street address is located.

25 (4) A designated voter registration agency or a county, city,
26 township, or village clerk shall not add to, delete from, or change
27 any information contained in the qualified voter file during the
28 period beginning on the seventh day before an election and ending
29 on the day of the election.

1 (5) The secretary of state shall create an inactive voter
2 file.

3 (6) If an elector is sent a notice under section 509aa to
4 confirm the elector's residence information or if an elector does
5 not vote for 6 consecutive years, the secretary of state shall
6 place the registration record of that elector in the inactive voter
7 file. The registration record of that elector must remain in the
8 inactive voter file until 1 of the following occurs:

9 (a) The elector votes at an election.

10 (b) The elector responds to a notice sent under section 509aa.

11 (c) Another voter registration transaction involving that
12 elector occurs.

13 (7) While the registration record of an elector is in the
14 inactive voter file, the elector remains eligible to vote and his
15 or her name must appear on the precinct voter registration list.

16 (8) If the registration record of an elector is in the
17 inactive voter file because the elector was sent a notice under
18 section 509aa to confirm the elector's residence information and
19 that elector votes at an election by absent voter ballot, that
20 absent voter ballot must be marked in the same manner as a
21 challenged ballot as provided in section 727.