

# HOUSE BILL No. 4562

March 13, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Ciaramitaro and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend section 500a of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
as amended by Act No. 275 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 168.500a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 500a of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts  
2 of 1954, as amended by Act No. 275 of the Public Acts of 1988,  
3 being section 168.500a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 500a. (1) The secretary of state or the secretary of  
6 state's agent shall afford a person who appears in a department  
7 of state branch office ~~or, beginning March 1, 1989, a person who~~  
8 ~~applies for renewal of an operator's or chauffeur's license under~~  
9 ~~section 307 of the Michigan vehicle code, Act No. 300 of the~~

~~1 Public Acts of 1949, being section 257.307 of the Michigan~~  
~~2 Compiled Laws,~~ an opportunity to complete an application to reg-  
3 ister to vote or to change the person's voting registration name,  
4 address, or, for the purpose of voting in a presidential primary  
5 election, party preference, if the applicant possesses the quali-  
6 fications of an elector on the date of application or will pos-  
7 sess the qualifications at the next election. ~~This subsection~~  
~~8 shall not be construed to require a registered elector to period-~~  
~~9 ically reregister or to renew his or her registration.~~ THE  
10 APPLICANT SHALL SIGN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION. The application  
11 for registration made under this ~~section~~ SUBSECTION shall con-  
12 tain all of the following:

13 (a) The name of the applicant.

14 (b) The residence address of the applicant, including THE  
15 street and number or rural route and box number, if any.

16 (c) The city or township and county of residence of the  
17 applicant, and the school district of the applicant if known.

18 (d) The date of birth of the applicant.

19 (e) The birthplace of the applicant.

20 (f) The driver's license or state personal identification  
21 card number of the applicant, if available.

22 (g) A statement that the applicant has the qualifications of  
23 an elector as of the date of applying for registration, or will  
24 have the qualifications of an elector at the next election.

25 (h) A space for the applicant to declare, for the purpose of  
26 voting in a presidential primary election, a party preference or  
27 that the applicant has no party preference.

1 (i) A statement that the registration is not effective until  
2 processed by the clerk of the city or township in which the  
3 applicant resides.

4 (j) A statement that the applicant, if qualified, may vote  
5 at an election occurring not less than 30 days after the date of  
6 completing the application.

7 (k) A space to indicate the applicant's last place of  
8 registration, IF ANY.

9 (l) A statement authorizing the cancellation of registration  
10 at the applicant's last place of registration.

11 (m) A space for the applicant to sign and certify to the  
12 truth of the statements on the application.

13 (2) ~~The applicant shall sign the application.~~ IF AN APPLI-  
14 CANT FOR A STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
15 1 OF ACT NO. 222 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972, BEING SECTION 28.291  
16 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, OR FOR AN OPERATOR'S OR  
17 CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 307 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHI-  
18 CLE CODE, ACT NO. 300 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1949, BEING SECTION  
19 257.307 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, POSSESSES THE QUALIFICA-  
20 TIONS OF AN ELECTOR ON THE DATE OF APPLICATION OR WILL POSSESS  
21 THE QUALIFICATIONS AT THE NEXT ELECTION TO BE HELD NO SOONER THAN  
22 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF APPLICATION, AND THE APPLICANT CHOOSES  
23 TO REGISTER TO VOTE, THE APPLICANT SHALL BE REGISTERED TO VOTE AT  
24 THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

25 (3) IF AN OPERATOR OR CHAUFFEUR CHANGES HIS OR HER ADDRESS  
26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 315 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, ACT NO. 300  
27 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1949, BEING SECTION 257.315 OF THE MICHIGAN

1 COMPILED LAWS, AND THE OPERATOR OR CHAUFFEUR IS CURRENTLY  
2 REGISTERED TO VOTE, THE ADDRESS AT WHICH THE OPERATOR OR CHAUF-  
3 FEUR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE SHALL BE CHANGED TO HIS OR HER NEW  
4 ADDRESS AS INDICATED ON THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM UNDER THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 (4) AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE, TO CHANGE REGISTRA-  
7 TION, OR TO CHANGE AN ADDRESS UNDER SUBSECTION (1), (2), OR (3)  
8 SHALL BE PROCESSED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS 500B  
9 TO 500J. SUBSECTIONS (1), (2), AND (3) DO NOT REQUIRE A REGIS-  
10 TERED ELECTOR TO PERIODICALLY REREGISTER OR TO RENEW HIS OR HER  
11 REGISTRATION.

12 (5) Upon receipt of ~~the~~ AN application UNDER  
13 SUBSECTION (1) OR (2), the agent shall sign the application,  
14 stamp the application with a validation stamp, and provide the  
15 applicant with a receipt verifying the registration application.  
16 ~~The agent shall promptly forward the application to the county~~  
17 ~~clerk of the applicant's residence or to a city or township clerk~~  
18 ~~designated by the secretary of state.~~

19 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH CITY OR  
20 TOWNSHIP CLERK NOT LESS THAN 25 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION A LIST OF  
21 ALL VOTERS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP  
22 THAT THE CLERK SERVES. EVERY 30 DAYS THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
23 SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK A CUMULATIVE LIST OF  
24 ALL VOTER REGISTRATIONS, VOTER REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS, AND  
25 CHANGES OF VOTER REGISTRATION ADDRESSES THAT OCCUR IN THE CITY OR  
26 TOWNSHIP THAT THE CLERK SERVES. THE CUMULATIVE LIST SHALL BE  
27 VALID FOR THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING MARCH 12 OF EACH YEAR.

1 (7) ~~(3)~~ Until February 15, 1992, the secretary of state or  
2 the secretary of state's agent shall provide along with the  
3 application to register to vote, ~~or~~ to change a registration,  
4 OR TO CHANGE AN ADDRESS under subsection (1), (2), OR (3) a  
5 notice that contains all of the following information:

6 (a) That, for the purpose of voting in a presidential pri-  
7 mary election, an elector must declare a party preference.

8 (b) That, if the elector prefers to register with no party  
9 preference, the elector is not eligible to vote in a presidential  
10 primary election unless the elector declares a party preference  
11 at least 30 days before the presidential primary election.

12 (c) That, even if the elector is currently registered to  
13 vote, the elector is not eligible to vote in a presidential pri-  
14 mary election unless the elector declares in writing to the city  
15 or township clerk a party preference at least 30 days before the  
16 presidential primary election.

17 (d) That, if the elector declares a party preference or  
18 declares that the elector has no party preference, that declara-  
19 tion of preference remains as that elector's preference until the  
20 elector changes his or her party preference or declares that he  
21 or she has no party preference on a form prescribed by the secre-  
22 tary of state or in writing to the city or township clerk.

23 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless  
24 all of the following bills of the 86th Legislature are enacted  
25 into law:

26 (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4560 (request  
27 no. 00915'91).

1 (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4561 (request  
2 no. 00916'91).