

# HOUSE BILL No. 5734

April 2, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Brackenridge, Gnodtke, DeLange, Gernaat, Middleton, Robertson, McBryde, Middaugh, Trim, Dalman, Strand, Dolan and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend section 499 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 168.499 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 499 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of  
2 1954, as amended by Act No. 275 of the Public Acts of 1988, being  
3 section 168.499 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 499. (1) An elector entitled to registration in an  
6 election precinct may become registered in the precinct by apply-  
7 ing in person ~~and executing~~ TO A CLERK OR ASSISTANT CLERK OF  
8 THE TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE IN WHICH THE PRECINCT IS LOCATED.  
9 THE ELECTOR SHALL EXECUTE in duplicate ~~the~~ A registration

1 affidavit and ~~swearing~~ SWEAR to and ~~signing~~ SIGN the  
2 affidavit ~~before~~ IN THE PRESENCE OF the clerk or assistant  
3 clerk. ~~of the township, city, or village in which the precinct~~  
4 ~~is located. Every~~ THE clerk ~~and~~ OR assistant clerk ~~of the~~  
5 ~~townships, cities, and villages in this state~~ shall require ~~an~~  
6 THE applicant for registration to answer under oath a question  
7 touching the elector's qualification as an elector. ~~For the~~  
8 ~~performance of their duties under this act every~~ THE clerk and  
9 assistant clerk ~~has the power to~~ MAY administer oaths and ~~to~~  
10 swear persons as to the truth of statements contained in  
11 REGISTRATION affidavits. ~~For the more perfect examination of~~  
12 ~~the applicant, a~~ THE clerk may employ and swear an interpreter  
13 to interpret all questions put to applicants and the answers to  
14 those questions. If the applicant, in answer to a question or in  
15 the registration affidavit, makes a material statement that is  
16 false, the applicant is guilty of a misdemeanor.

17 (2) ~~After the registration affidavit is executed in dupli~~  
18 ~~cate by the applicant, if~~ IF the applicant is entitled to regis-  
19 tration, the clerk or assistant clerk shall sign in his or her  
20 own hand and note on the card the acceptance of the  
21 registration. If the registration is refused, the clerk OR  
22 ASSISTANT CLERK shall destroy the card of the applicant. A reg-  
23 istration card accepted before January 15, 1964, on which the  
24 signature of the clerk or assistant clerk is typewritten or  
25 stamped is valid as to that signature. ~~All cards~~ CARDS vali-  
26 dated by this section shall be designated as prescribed by the  
27 secretary of state.

1 (3) The clerk OR ASSISTANT CLERK shall not accept a fee from  
2 an ~~applicant~~ ELECTOR applying for registration, either for the  
3 registering of the elector or for the taking of the acknowledg-  
4 ment on the affidavit. A ~~person accepting~~ CLERK OR ASSISTANT  
5 CLERK WHO ACCEPTS a fee is guilty of a misdemeanor.

6 (4) ~~The clerk shall, immediately~~ IMMEDIATELY after  
7 ~~receiving the~~ APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR registration or  
8 PREPARING A change of address of an elector, THE CLERK OR ASSIST-  
9 ANT CLERK SHALL prepare a voter identification card for the  
10 elector. ~~The clerk shall also prepare and send a corrected~~  
11 ~~voter identification card to an elector affected by a change in~~  
12 ~~United States representative, state senatorial, state representa-~~  
13 ~~tive, or county commissioner district or precinct.~~ The clerk  
14 shall also prepare and send a corrected voter identification card  
15 to an elector who changes or adds a declaration of party prefer-  
16 ence or no party preference for the purpose of voting in a presi-  
17 dential primary election. The clerk shall forward by first class  
18 mail the VOTER identification card to the elector at the  
19 elector's registration address. The VOTER identification card  
20 shall contain the name and address of the registrant, the United  
21 States representative, state senatorial, state representative, or  
22 county commissioner district and precinct in which the registrant  
23 is an elector, and the party preference declared by the elector,  
24 if any. Except as provided in section 500c, if the original  
25 identification card is returned to the clerk by the post office,  
26 the clerk shall accept this as information that the elector has

1 moved and the clerk shall proceed in conformity with section  
2 513.