

HOUSE BILL No. 4231

February 7, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Caswell and Hansen and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 499 (MCL 168.499), as amended by 2004 PA 92.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 499. (1) An elector entitled to registration in an
2 election precinct may become registered in the precinct by applying
3 in person and signing the registration application before the clerk
4 or assistant clerk of the township, city, or village in which the
5 precinct is located. For the performance of his or her duties under
6 this act, each clerk and assistant clerk has the power to
7 administer oaths and to swear persons as to the truth of statements
8 contained in an application. For a better examination of the
9 applicant, a clerk may employ and swear an interpreter to interpret
10 all questions put to applicants and the answers to those questions.
11 If the applicant, in answer to a question or in the registration

1 application, makes a material statement that is false, the
2 applicant is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3 (2) A clerk or assistant clerk shall not accept a fee from an
4 elector applying for registration, either for the registering of
5 the elector or for the taking of the acknowledgment on the
6 application. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a
7 misdemeanor.

8 (3) The clerk, immediately after receiving the registration or
9 change of address of an elector, shall prepare a voter
10 identification card for the elector. The clerk shall also prepare
11 and send a corrected voter identification card to an elector
12 affected by a change in United States representative, state
13 senatorial, state representative, or county commissioner district
14 or precinct. The clerk shall forward by first-class mail the voter
15 identification card to the elector at the elector's registration
16 address. **HOWEVER, A CLERK MAY FORWARD BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL THE VOTER**
17 **IDENTIFICATION CARD, UPON REQUEST OF THE ELECTOR, TO A POST OFFICE**
18 **BOX IF THE POST OFFICE BOX IS WHERE THE ELECTOR NORMALLY RECEIVES**
19 **PERSONAL MAIL AND THE ELECTOR DOES NOT RECEIVE MAIL AT HIS OR HER**
20 **REGISTRATION ADDRESS.** The voter identification card shall contain
21 the name and address of the registrant and the United States
22 representative, state senatorial, state representative, or county
23 commissioner district and precinct in which the registrant is an
24 elector. If the original voter identification card is returned to
25 the clerk by the post office as nondeliverable, the clerk shall
26 reject the registration and send the individual a notice of
27 rejection. If a duplicate voter identification card is returned to

1 the clerk by the post office, the clerk shall accept this as
2 information that the elector has moved and the clerk shall proceed
3 in conformity with section 509aa.