

HOUSE BILL No. 4993

May 26, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Melton and Johnson and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 509v and 509w (MCL 168.509v and 168.509w), as
added by 1994 PA 441.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 509v. (1) A person who is not registered to vote at the
2 address where he or she resides may apply to register to vote by
3 submitting ~~an~~ **A VOTER REGISTRATION** application at any of the
4 following locations:

5 (a) ~~The office of the clerk of a county or the office of the~~
6 ~~clerk of the city or township in which the applicant resides, ANY~~
7 **COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE IN THIS STATE** during
8 regular office hours of that clerk.

1 (b) A department of state office.

2 (c) A designated voter registration agency when submitting an
3 application, recertification, renewal, or change of address at the
4 voter registration agency.

5 (2) A person who is not registered to vote at the address
6 where he or she resides may apply for registration by submitting a
7 completed mail **VOTER** registration application. A person may request
8 a mail **VOTER** registration application from and submit the
9 application to any of the following:

10 (a) The secretary of state.

11 (b) The clerk of the county, city, or township in which the
12 applicant resides.

13 (c) A designated voter registration agency.

14 Sec. 509w. (1) The person processing ~~an~~ **A VOTER REGISTRATION**
15 application submitted in person at a department of state office, a
16 designated voter registration agency, or ~~the office of a county~~
17 ~~clerk~~ **A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE** shall do all of
18 the following:

19 (a) Validate the application in the manner prescribed by the
20 secretary of state.

21 (b) Issue a receipt to the applicant verifying the acceptance
22 of the application.

23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), the
24 department of state office, the designated voter registration
25 agency, ~~or~~ the county clerk, **OR THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK, IF**
26 **OTHER THAN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK WHERE THE APPLICANT RESIDES,**
27 shall transmit the application not later than 7 days after receipt

1 of the application to the clerk of the county, city, or township
2 where the applicant resides.

3 (3) If an application under subsection (1) is made within 7
4 days before the close of registration for a federal election, the
5 department of state office, the designated voter registration
6 agency, ~~or the county clerk,~~ **OR THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK, IF**
7 **OTHER THAN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK WHERE THE APPLICANT RESIDES,**
8 shall transmit the application not later than 1 business day to the
9 clerk of the county, city, or township where the applicant resides.

10 (4) If a completed application is transmitted by the secretary
11 of state or a designated voter registration agency to a county
12 clerk, the secretary of state, to the extent funds are
13 appropriated, shall compensate the county clerk for the cost of
14 forwarding the application to the proper city or township clerk of
15 the applicant's residence from funds appropriated to the secretary
16 of state for that purpose.