

SENATE BILL NO. 710

January 08, 2020, Introduced by Senator LUCIDO and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 495 and 499 (MCL 168.495 and 168.499), section
495 as amended by 2018 PA 603 and section 499 as amended by 2004 PA
92.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 495. The registration application must contain all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The name of the elector.

1 (b) The residence address of the elector, including the street
2 and number or rural route and box number and the apartment number,
3 if any.

4 (c) The city or township and county of residence of the
5 elector.

6 (d) The date of birth of the elector.

7 (e) The driver license or state personal identification card
8 number of the elector, if available.

9 (f) A statement that the elector is a citizen of the United
10 States.

11 (g) A statement that the elector is at the time of completing
12 the affidavit, or will be on the date of the next election, not
13 less than 18 years of age.

14 (h) A statement that the elector has or will have lived in
15 this state not less than 30 days before the next election.

16 (i) A statement that the elector has or will have established
17 his or her residence in the township or city in which the elector
18 is applying for registration not less than 30 days before the next
19 election.

20 (j) A statement that the elector is or will be a qualified
21 elector of the township or city on the date of the next election.

22 (k) A space in which the elector shall state the place of the
23 elector's last registration, if any.

24 (l) A statement that the registration is not effective until
25 processed by the clerk of the city or township in which the
26 applicant resides.

27 (m) A statement that the applicant, if qualified, may vote at
28 an election occurring on or after the date of completing the
29 application.

(n) A statement authorizing the cancellation of registration at the elector's last place of registration.

(o) A space for the elector to provide his or her electronic mail address or other electronic contact information, if available.

(p) ~~(e)~~ A space for the elector to sign and certify to the truth of the statements on the application.

Sec. 499. (1) An elector entitled to registration in an election precinct may become registered in the precinct by applying in person and signing the registration application before the clerk or assistant clerk of the township ~~, or city, or village~~ in which the precinct is located. For the performance of his or her duties under this act, each clerk and assistant clerk has the power to administer oaths and to swear ~~persons~~ **individuals** as to the truth of statements contained in an application. For a better examination of the applicant, a clerk may employ and swear an interpreter to interpret all questions put to applicants and the answers to those questions. If the applicant, in answer to a question or in the registration application, makes a material statement that is false, the applicant is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

(3) The clerk, immediately after receiving the registration or change of address of an elector, shall prepare a voter identification card for the elector. The clerk shall also prepare and send a corrected voter identification card to an elector affected by a change in United States ~~representative,~~

1 **Representative**, state senatorial, state representative, or county
2 commissioner district or precinct. ~~The Subject to subsection (4),~~
3 **the** clerk shall forward by first-class mail the voter
4 identification card to the elector at the elector's registration
5 address. The voter identification card ~~shall~~**must** contain the name
6 and address of the registrant and the United States ~~representative,~~
7 **Representative**, state senatorial, state representative, or county
8 commissioner district and precinct in which the registrant is an
9 elector. If the original voter identification card is returned to
10 the clerk by the post office as nondeliverable, the clerk shall
11 reject the registration and send the individual a notice of
12 rejection. If a duplicate voter identification card is returned to
13 the clerk by the post office, the clerk shall accept this as
14 information that the elector has moved and the clerk shall proceed
15 in conformity with section 509aa.

16 **(4) A city or township clerk may forward a voter**
17 **identification card to an elector electronically if the governing**
18 **body of the city or township adopts a resolution permitting voter**
19 **identification cards to be forwarded to electors electronically. If**
20 **the governing body of a city or township adopts a resolution as**
21 **provided under this subsection, an elector in that city or township**
22 **may provide his or her electronic mail address or other electronic**
23 **contact information to the clerk of that city or township to have**
24 **his or her voter identification card forwarded electronically as**
25 **provided in this subsection.**