

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

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Senate Bill 302 (H-1) as reported from House committee

Sponsor: Sen. Kimberly LaSata

House Committee: Elections and Ethics

Senate Committee: Elections

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 302 would amend the items that must be included in a voter registration application under the Michigan Election Law.

Currently, a voter registration application must include all of the following:

- The elector's name, address, and date of birth.
- The elector's driver's license or personal ID card number, if available.
- A statement that the elector is a United States citizen.
- A statement that the elector will be at least 18 on the date of the next election.
- Statements that, by the time of the next election, the elector will have established residence for at least 30 days in the township or city in which the elector is applying.
- A statement that the elector is or will be a qualified elector of the township or city on the date of the next election.
- A space in which the elector must state the place of his or her last registration, if any.
- A statement that the registration is not effective until processed by the applicable clerk.
- A statement that the applicant, if qualified, may vote in an election occurring on or after the date of completing the application.
- A statement authorizing the cancellation of the elector's previous voter registration.
- A space for the elector to sign and certify to the truth of the statements on the application.

The bill would add a requirement that the application include a statement that the elector understands that it is a felony to offer to vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election, in either the same or another voting precinct.

MCL 168.495

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of State or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Michigan Association of County Clerks (10-5-21)
- Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (10-5-21)
- Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections (10-19-21)

The following entities indicated opposition to the bill:

- American Association of University Women of Michigan (10-19-21)
- League of Women Voters of Michigan (10-19-21)
- Promote the Vote (10-5-21)

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