HOUSE BILL NO. 4491

March 11, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Fink, Outman, Rendon, Allor, Bellino, Paquette, Roth, O'Malley, Beeler, Posthumus, Maddock, Damoose, Hall, Martin, Kahle, Yaroch, Griffin, Steven Johnson, Bollin and Meerman and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled

"Michigan election law,"

by amending sections 509o and 510 (MCL 168.509o and 168.510), section 509o as amended by 2018 PA 126.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1   Sec. 509o. (1) The secretary of state shall direct and

2   supervise the establishment and maintenance of a statewide

3   qualified voter file. The secretary of state shall establish the

4   technology to implement the qualified voter file. The qualified

1 voter file is the official file for the conduct of all elections

2 held in this state. The secretary of state may direct that all or

3 any part of the city or township **voter** registration files must be

4 used in conjunction with the qualified voter file at the first

5 state primary and election held after the creation of the qualified

6 voter file.

7   (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the

8 contrary, an individual who appears to vote in an election and

9 whose name appears in the qualified voter file for that city,

10 township, or school district is considered a registered voter of

11 that city, township, or school district under this act.

12   (3) The secretary of state, a designated voter registration

13 agency, or a county, city, or township clerk shall not place a name

14 of an individual into the qualified voter file unless that

15 individual signs an application as prescribed in section 509r(3).

16 The secretary of state or a designated voter registration agency

17 shall not allow an individual to indicate a different address than

18 the address in either the secretary of state's or designated voter

19 registration agency's files to be placed in the qualified voter

20 file.

21   (4) The secretary of state shall develop and utilize a process

22 by which information obtained through the United States Social

23 Security Administration's death master file that is used to cancel

24 an operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan

25 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an official

26 state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL

27 28.291 to 28.300, of a deceased resident of this state is also used

28 at least once a month to update the qualified voter file to cancel

29 the voter registration of any elector determined to be deceased.

1   The secretary of state shall make the canceled voter registration
2   information under this subsection available to the clerk of each
3   **county**, city, or township to assist with the clerk's obligations
4   under section 510.
5   (5) Subject to this subsection, the secretary of state shall
6   participate with other states in 1 or more recognized multistate
7   programs or services, if available, to assist in the verification
8   of the current residence and voter registration status of electors.
9   The secretary of state shall not participate in any recognized
10 multistate program or service described in this subsection that
11 requires this state to promote or adopt legislation as a condition
12 of participation in that program or service. In addition, the
13 secretary of state shall not participate in any recognized
14 multistate program or service described in this subsection if the
15 secretary of state determines that data of that program or service
16 are not being adequately secured or protected. The secretary of
17 state shall follow the procedures under section 509aa(5) with
18 regard to any electors affected by information obtained through any
19 multistate program or service.
20   Sec. 510. At least once a month, ~~the~~ **each** county clerk shall
21 forward a list of the last known address and birth date of all
22 ~~persons~~ **individuals** over 18 years of age who have died ~~within~~ **in**
23 the county to the clerk of each city or township ~~within~~ **in** the
24 county. The city or township clerk shall compare this list with the
25 **voter** registration records and cancel the **voter** registration of all
26 deceased electors. **In addition, each county clerk is authorized to**
27 **use this list to update the qualified voter file to cancel the**
28 **voter registration of all deceased electors in his or her county.**