

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4356

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

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 509bb. **(1)** A clerk shall not cancel or cause the  
2       cancellation of the registration of ~~a voter~~**an elector** from the  
3       registration record of the city or township based solely ~~upon~~**on**  
4       that registered ~~voter's~~**elector's** failure to vote.

5       **(2) Not later than 180 days after each general November**  
6       **election, the secretary of state shall, for each registered elector**  
7       **who has failed to vote for 8 years or more, regardless of the**  
8       **reason for the failure to vote, send by forwardable mail both of**  
9       **the following to the elector:**

1 (a) A postage prepaid and preaddressed return card to the  
2 appropriate city or township clerk on which the elector may verify  
3 the elector's current address information and on which the elector  
4 must sign the elector's name.

5 (b) A notice that contains the following statement:

6 "Secretary of state records indicate that you have failed to  
7 vote for 8 years or more. To confirm your status as a registered  
8 voter, please complete, sign, and return the enclosed card  
9 providing your current address to the appropriate city or township  
10 clerk at least 15 days before the next election. If you do not  
11 complete, sign, and return the enclosed card to the appropriate  
12 city or township clerk at least 15 days before the next election,  
13 you will be required to affirm your current address at the polls  
14 before you are permitted to vote. To keep your status as a  
15 registered voter, you must respond to this notice, vote, or engage  
16 in voting-related activity, including, but not limited to,  
17 requesting an absent voter ballot application or updating your  
18 voter registration, by the first business day after the second  
19 general November election that is held after the date on this  
20 notice.".

21 (3) Upon receipt of a return card under subsection (2) from an  
22 elector, the appropriate city or township clerk shall compare the  
23 signature on the return card to the signature for that elector on  
24 the qualified voter file. If the signature on the return card and  
25 the signature for that elector on the qualified voter file do not  
26 match, the city or township clerk shall identify the registration  
27 record of that elector as challenged as provided in this act. The  
28 city or township clerk shall notify the elector that the elector's  
29 signature on the return card did not match the signature for that

1 elector on the qualified voter file and that the elector's  
2 registration record is considered challenged. The notice to the  
3 elector under this subsection must include the steps the elector  
4 must take in order to no longer have the elector's registration  
5 record considered to be challenged.

6 (4) If a notice sent under subsection (2) is returned to the  
7 secretary of state by the post office as undeliverable, the  
8 secretary of state shall identify the registration record of that  
9 elector as challenged as provided in this act. If the elector does  
10 not vote or engage in voting-related activity by the first business  
11 day after the second general November election that is held after  
12 the date on the notice, the secretary of state shall cancel the  
13 registration of that elector and notify the appropriate city or  
14 township clerk of the cancellation.