

HOUSE BILL NO. 4356

April 22, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Hoadley, Pavlov, Rigas, BeGole, Meerman, DeBoyer and Smit and referred to Committee on Election Integrity.

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~~**Except as otherwise provided in this act, a**
2 clerk shall not cancel or cause the cancellation of the
3 registration of ~~a voter~~**an elector** from the registration record of
4 the city or township based solely ~~upon~~**on** that registered ~~voter's~~

1 elector's failure to vote.

2 (2) Within 180 days after each general November election, the
3 secretary of state shall, for each registered elector who has
4 failed to vote for 10 years or more, send by forwardable mail both
5 of the following to the elector:

6 (a) A postage prepaid and preaddressed return card to the
7 appropriate city or township clerk on which the elector may verify
8 the elector's current address information and on which the elector
9 must sign the elector's name.

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

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

26 (3) Upon receipt of a return card under subsection (2) from an
27 elector, the appropriate city or township clerk shall compare the
28 signature on the return card to the signature for that elector on
29 the qualified voter file. If the signature on the return card and

1 the signature for that elector on the qualified voter file do not
2 match, the city or township clerk shall identify the registration
3 record of that elector as challenged as provided in this act. The
4 city or township clerk shall notify the elector that the elector's
5 signature on the return card did not match the signature for that
6 elector on the qualified voter file and that the elector's
7 registration record is considered challenged. The notice to the
8 elector under this subsection must include the steps the elector
9 must take in order to no longer have the elector's registration
10 record considered to be challenged.

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