

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.509gg Information exempt from freedom of information act.

Sec. 509gg. (1) Subject to subsection (3), the information described in this subsection that is contained in a registration record is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. The secretary of state, a designated voter registration agency, or a county, city, township, or village clerk shall not release a copy of that portion of a registration record that contains any of the following:

- (a) The record that an individual declined to register to vote.
- (b) The office that received a registered elector's application.
- (c) A registered elector's driver license or state personal identification card number.
- (d) The month and day of birth of a registered elector.
- (e) The telephone number provided by a registered elector.

(f) The digitized signature of an elector that is captured or reproduced and transmitted to the qualified voter file by the secretary of state or a county, city, or township clerk under section 509hh or by the secretary of state under section 307 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.307.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the last 4 digits of a registered elector's Social Security number contained in a registration record are exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. The last 4 digits of a registered elector's Social Security number contained in a registration record may only be used by the secretary of state to verify a registered elector's data as provided by the help America vote act of 2002 and to verify a registered elector's status under this act, and must not be used or released for any other purpose.

(3) If an individual preregisters to vote under section 496a, the information contained in the registration record for that individual is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, until that individual is 17-1/2 years of age. Once that individual is 17-1/2 years of age, the information contained in the registration record for that individual is subject to the exemptions provided in subsection (1).

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Compiler's note: Enacting section 4 of Act 71 of 2005 provides:

"Enacting section 4. If any portion of this amendatory act or the application of this amendatory act to any person or circumstances is found invalid by a court, the invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this amendatory act that can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, if the remaining portions are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end this amendatory act is declared to be severable."

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