

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
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168.509ii Electronic voter registration interface; requirements; application; qualifications.

Sec. 509ii. (1) The secretary of state shall develop and maintain an electronic voter registration interface to allow an applicant to submit a voter registration application electronically through the secretary of state's website. The electronic voter registration interface must do all of the following:

- (a) Transmit the application to the qualified voter file.
- (b) Require the applicant's assent to submit the voter registration application electronically.
- (c) Issue a receipt to the applicant in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state.

(d) Utilize security features determined appropriate by the secretary of state or the department of technology, management, and budget to prevent unauthorized access to data or information and to ensure that a person attempting to use the electronic voter registration interface is an individual.

(2) The secretary of state shall develop an electronic voter registration application that includes all of the same information as provided on the mail registration form developed by the secretary of state under section 509n(a), and that also includes the notice required under section 307(1)(c) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.307.

(3) In order to authenticate the identity of a voter registration applicant submitting an electronic voter registration application under this section, the voter registration applicant must provide 1 of the following:

- (a) The identification number for the applicant on any of the following:

(i) A valid operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

(ii) A valid official state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

(iii) An enhanced driver license issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.

(iv) An enhanced official state personal identification card issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.

(b) If the applicant does not have an identification number for an identification as provided under subdivision (a), the last 4 digits of a valid Social Security number for the applicant.

(4) If a voter registration applicant submits a voter registration application under this section that provides an identification number for an identification as provided under subsection (3)(a), the electronic voter registration interface must do all of the following:

(a) Interact with the state operator's or chauffeur's license file, enhanced driver license file, official state personal identification card file, and enhanced state personal identification card file for authentication purposes.

(b) Authenticate the identity of an applicant under a process developed by the secretary of state that verifies all of the following:

(i) The applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license number, enhanced driver license number, official state personal identification card number, or enhanced official state personal identification card number.

(ii) The applicant's full name as printed on the applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license, enhanced driver license, official state personal identification card, or enhanced official state personal identification card.

(iii) The applicant's date of birth.

(iv) The applicant's eye color as printed on the applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license, enhanced driver license, official state personal identification card, or enhanced official state personal identification card.

(c) Require the applicant's assent to use the applicant's most recent digitized signature if captured or reproduced by the secretary of state under section 307 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.307, section 5 of the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.305, or 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

(5) If a voter registration applicant does not have an identification number for an identification as provided under subsection (3)(a), and that voter registration applicant submits a voter registration application under this section that provides the last 4 digits of the applicant's Social Security number, the electronic voter registration interface must do all of the following:

(a) Authenticate the identity of the applicant under a process developed by the secretary of state that verifies all of the following information using information maintained by the United States Social Security Administration or the secretary of state:

(i) The last 4 digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

(ii) The applicant's full name.

(iii) The applicant's date of birth.

(b) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (6), require the applicant's assent to use the applicant's most recent digitized signature contained in the qualified voter file.

(6) If a digitized signature for a voter registration applicant under subsection (5) is not contained in the qualified voter file, the voter registration applicant is required to electronically submit an image of the applicant's signature through the electronic voter registration interface and must assent to the use of this signature image as the applicant's signature for voter registration purposes. The secretary of state shall develop a process for a voter registration applicant under subsection (5) to electronically submit a high-quality digitized image of the applicant's signature through the electronic voter registration interface, as well as a process for transmitting the digitized image of that applicant's signature to the qualified voter file.

(7) If an elector utilizes the electronic voter registration interface to indicate a change of address, the state bureau of elections shall send a notice confirming the change to the elector's previous address.

(8) A registered elector who wishes to provide a new or additional signature for the registered elector's registration record may utilize the electronic voter registration interface to electronically submit an image of the registered elector's signature and assent to the use of that signature image as the registered elector's signature for voter registration purposes. The registered elector must have the registered elector's identity authenticated under the procedures in subsection (4)(b) or (5)(a) before the image of the registered elector's signature is accepted for inclusion in the qualified voter file. The registered elector shall submit the image of the registered elector's signature using the process developed by the secretary of state under subsection (6).

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