

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5646

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

**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. ~~on or before~~  
5 ~~January 1, 1997.~~ The qualified voter file shall be **IS** the official  
6 file for the conduct of all elections held in this state. ~~on or~~  
7 ~~after January 1, 1998.~~ The secretary of state may direct that all  
8 or any part of the city ~~,~~ **OR** township ~~,~~ or village registration  
9 files shall **MUST** be used in conjunction with the qualified voter  
10 file at the first state primary and election held after the

1 creation of the qualified voter file.

2 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
3 contrary, ~~beginning January 1, 1998, a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who  
4 appears to vote in an election and whose name appears in the  
5 qualified voter file for that city, township, ~~village,~~ or school  
6 district is considered a registered voter of that city, township,  
7 ~~village,~~ or school district under this act.

8 (3) The secretary of state, a designated voter registration  
9 agency, or a county, city, **OR** township, ~~or village~~ clerk shall not  
10 place a name of an individual into the qualified voter file unless  
11 that ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** signs an application as prescribed in  
12 section 509r(3). The secretary of state or a designated voter  
13 registration agency shall not allow a ~~person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** to  
14 indicate a different address than the address in either the  
15 secretary of state's or designated voter registration agency's  
16 files to be placed in the qualified voter file.

17 **(4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND UTILIZE A PROCESS**  
18 **BY WHICH INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL**  
19 **SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S DEATH MASTER FILE THAT IS USED TO CANCEL**  
20 **AN OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THE MICHIGAN**  
21 **VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 TO 257.923, OR AN OFFICIAL**  
22 **STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED UNDER 1972 PA 222, MCL**  
23 **28.291 TO 28.300, OF A DECEASED RESIDENT OF THIS STATE IS ALSO USED**  
24 **AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH TO UPDATE THE QUALIFIED VOTER FILE TO CANCEL**  
25 **THE VOTER REGISTRATION OF ANY ELECTOR DETERMINED TO BE DECEASED.**  
26 **THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAKE THE CANCELED VOTER REGISTRATION**  
27 **INFORMATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE CLERK OF EACH**

1 CITY OR TOWNSHIP TO ASSIST WITH THE CLERK'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER  
2 SECTION 510.

3 (5) SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL  
4 PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER STATES IN 1 OR MORE RECOGNIZED MULTISTATE  
5 PROGRAMS OR SERVICES, IF AVAILABLE, TO ASSIST IN THE VERIFICATION  
6 OF THE CURRENT RESIDENCE AND VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS OF ELECTORS.  
7 THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY RECOGNIZED  
8 MULTISTATE PROGRAM OR SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION THAT  
9 REQUIRES THIS STATE TO PROMOTE OR ADOPT LEGISLATION AS A CONDITION  
10 OF PARTICIPATION IN THAT PROGRAM OR SERVICE. IN ADDITION, THE  
11 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY RECOGNIZED  
12 MULTISTATE PROGRAM OR SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION IF THE  
13 SECRETARY OF STATE DETERMINES THAT DATA OF THAT PROGRAM OR SERVICE  
14 ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY SECURED OR PROTECTED. THE SECRETARY OF  
15 STATE SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES UNDER SECTION 509AA(5) WITH  
16 REGARD TO ANY ELECTORS AFFECTED BY INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH ANY  
17 MULTISTATE PROGRAM OR SERVICE.