

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4744

June 14, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Schriver, Maddock, Friske, DeSana, Bezotte, Rigas, Fox, Smit, Carra, Hoadley, DeBoyer, Beeler, Roth, Cavitt and Bollin and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 509o (MCL 168.509o), as amended by 2022 PA 195.

**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. The qualified  
5 voter file is the official file for the conduct of all elections

1 held in this state. The secretary of state may direct that all or  
2 any part of the city or township voter registration files must be  
3 used in conjunction with the qualified voter file at the first  
4 state primary and election held after the creation of the qualified  
5 voter file.

6 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
7 contrary, an individual who appears to vote in an election and  
8 whose name appears in the qualified voter file for that city,  
9 township, or school district is considered a registered voter of  
10 that city, township, or school district under this act.

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

20 (4) The secretary of state shall develop and utilize a process  
21 by which information obtained through the United States Social  
22 Security Administration's death master file that is used to cancel  
23 an operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan  
24 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an official  
25 state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL  
26 28.291 to 28.300, of a deceased resident of this state is also used  
27 at least once a month to update the qualified voter file to cancel  
28 the voter registration of any elector determined to be deceased.  
29 The secretary of state shall make the canceled voter registration

1 information under this subsection available to the clerk of each  
2 county, city, or township to assist with the clerk's obligations  
3 under section 510.

4 ~~(5) Subject to this subsection,~~ **Except as otherwise provided**  
5 **in subsection (6) or (7),** the secretary of state shall participate  
6 with other states in 1 or more recognized multistate programs or  
7 services, if available, to assist in the verification of the  
8 current residence and voter registration status of electors. **The**  
9 **secretary of state shall follow the procedures under section**  
10 **509aa(5) with regard to any electors affected by information**  
11 **obtained through any multistate program or service described in**  
12 **this subsection.**

13 (6) The secretary of state shall not participate in any  
14 recognized multistate program or service described in ~~this~~  
15 subsection (5) that requires this state to promote or adopt  
16 legislation as a condition of participation in that program or  
17 service. In addition, the secretary of state shall not participate  
18 in any recognized multistate program or service described in ~~this~~  
19 subsection (5) if the secretary of state determines that data of  
20 that program or service are not being adequately secured or  
21 protected. ~~The secretary of state shall follow the procedures under~~  
22 ~~section 509aa(5) with regard to any electors affected by~~  
23 ~~information obtained through any multistate program or service.~~

24 (7) **Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that**  
25 **added this subsection, the secretary of state, acting on behalf of**  
26 **this state as this state's chief election official, shall**  
27 **immediately resign from, and this state shall no longer participate**  
28 **as a member of, the Electronic Registration Information Center**  
29 **(ERIC).**