

HOUSE BILL No. 5525

December 14, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Caswell and Hildenbrand and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 499 (MCL 168.499), as amended by 2004 PA 92.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 499. (1) An elector entitled to registration in an
2 election precinct may become registered in the precinct by applying
3 in person and signing the registration application before the clerk
4 or assistant clerk of the township, city, or village in which the
5 precinct is located. For the performance of his or her duties under
6 this act, each clerk and assistant clerk has the power to
7 administer oaths and to swear persons as to the truth of statements
8 contained in an application. For a better examination of the
9 applicant, a clerk may employ and swear an interpreter to interpret
10 all questions put to applicants and the answers to those questions.

1 If the applicant, in answer to a question or in the registration
2 application, makes a material statement that is false, the
3 applicant is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4 (2) A clerk or assistant clerk shall not accept a fee from an
5 elector applying for registration, either for the registering of
6 the elector or for the taking of the acknowledgment on the
7 application. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a
8 misdemeanor.

9 (3) The clerk, immediately after receiving the registration or
10 change of address of an elector, shall prepare a voter
11 identification card for the elector. The clerk shall also prepare
12 and send a corrected voter identification card to an elector
13 affected by a change in United States representative, state
14 senatorial, state representative, or county commissioner district
15 or precinct. The clerk shall forward by first-class mail the voter
16 identification card to the elector at the elector's registration
17 address. **HOWEVER, A CLERK MAY FORWARD BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL THE VOTER**
18 **IDENTIFICATION CARD, UPON REQUEST OF THE ELECTOR, TO A POST OFFICE**
19 **BOX IF THE POST OFFICE BOX IS WHERE THE ELECTOR NORMALLY RECEIVES**
20 **PERSONAL MAIL AND THE ELECTOR DOES NOT RECEIVE MAIL AT HIS OR HER**
21 **REGISTRATION ADDRESS.** The voter identification card shall contain
22 the name and address of the registrant and the United States
23 representative, state senatorial, state representative, or county
24 commissioner district and precinct in which the registrant is an
25 elector. If the original voter identification card is returned to
26 the clerk by the post office as nondeliverable, the clerk shall
27 reject the registration and send the individual a notice of

1 rejection. If a duplicate voter identification card is returned to
2 the clerk by the post office, the clerk shall accept this as
3 information that the elector has moved and the clerk shall proceed
4 in conformity with section 509aa.