SENATE BILL NO. 966

March 17, 2022, Introduced by Senator THEIS and referred to the Committee on Elections.

     A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled

"Michigan election law,"

by amending sections 509o and 510 (MCL 168.509o and 168.510),
section 509o as amended by 2018 PA 126.

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

1 qualified voter file. The secretary of state shall establish the

2 technology to implement the qualified voter file. The qualified

3 voter file is the official file for the conduct of all elections

4 held in this state. The secretary of state may direct that all or

5 any part of the city or township **voter** registration files must be

6 used in conjunction with the qualified voter file at the first

7 state primary and election held after the creation of the qualified

8 voter file.

9 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the

10 contrary, an individual who appears to vote in an election and

11 whose name appears in the qualified voter file for that city,

12 township, or school district is considered a registered voter of

13 that city, township, or school district under this act.

14 (3) The secretary of state, a designated voter registration

15 agency, or a county, city, or township clerk shall not place a name

16 of an individual into the qualified voter file unless that

17 individual signs an application as prescribed in section 509r(3).

18 The secretary of state or a designated voter registration agency

19 shall not allow an individual to indicate a different address than

20 the address in either the secretary of state's or designated voter

21 registration agency's files to be placed in the qualified voter

22 file.

23 (4) The secretary of state shall develop and utilize a process

24 by which information obtained through the United States Social

25 Security Administration's death master file that is used to cancel

26 an operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan

27 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an official

28 state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL

29 28.291 to 28.300, of a deceased resident of this state is also used

1 at least once a month to update the qualified voter file to cancel

2 the voter registration of any elector determined to be deceased.

3 The secretary of state shall make the canceled voter registration

4 information under this subsection available to the clerk of each

5 **county**, city, or township to assist with the clerk's obligations

6 under section 510.

7 (5) Subject to this subsection, the secretary of state shall

8 participate with other states in 1 or more recognized multistate

9 programs or services, if available, to assist in the verification

10 of the current residence and voter registration status of electors.

11 The secretary of state shall not participate in any recognized

12 multistate program or service described in this subsection that

13 requires this state to promote or adopt legislation as a condition

14 of participation in that program or service. In addition, the

15 secretary of state shall not participate in any recognized

16 multistate program or service described in this subsection if the

17 secretary of state determines that data of that program or service

18 are not being adequately secured or protected. The secretary of

19 state shall follow the procedures under section 509aa(5) with

20 regard to any electors affected by information obtained through any

21 multistate program or service.

22 Sec. 510. **(1)** At **Except as otherwise provided in subsection**

23 **(5), at** least once a month, the **and not later than the second**

24 **business day of each month, each** county clerk shall forward a list

25 of the last known address and birth date **update the qualified voter**

26 **file to cancel the voter registration** of all persons **individuals**

27 over 18 years of age who have died within **in** the county. to the

28 clerk of each city or township within the county. The

29 **(2) Each time a county clerk updates the qualified voter file**

1   **under subsection (1) or (5), the secretary of state shall send an**

2   **electronic notification to the appropriate city or township clerk**

3   **regarding each canceled voter registration in that city or**

4   **township.**

5   **(3) Upon receiving an electronic notification under subsection**

6   **(2), the** city or township clerk shall compare ~~this list~~ **the**

7   **electronic notification** with the **voter** registration records **in that**

8   **city or township** and ~~cancel~~ **complete the cancellation of** the **voter**

9   registration of ~~all~~ **each** deceased ~~electors.~~**elector in that city or**

10   **township.**

11   **(4) If the secretary of state updates the qualified voter file**

12   **to cancel the voter registration of any deceased elector, the**

13   **secretary of state shall send an electronic notification to the**

14   **appropriate city or township clerk regarding each canceled voter**

15   **registration in that city or township. The secretary of state shall**

16   **notify each appropriate city or township clerk of any voter**

17   **registration that needs to be canceled after 4 p.m. on the day**

18   **before an election so that the city or township clerk can cancel**

19   **the voter registration.**

20   **(5) Beginning 45 days before an election and continuing until**

21   **16 days before an election, each county clerk shall update the**

22   **qualified voter file by the close of business each Friday before**

23   **the election to cancel the voter registration of all individuals**

24   **over 18 years of age who have died in the county. Beginning 15 days**

25   **before an election and continuing until the day before an election,**

26   **each county clerk shall update the qualified voter file by the**

27   **close of business each business day before the election to cancel**

28   **the voter registration of all individuals over 18 years of age who**

29   **have died in the county. Each county clerk shall notify each**

1 appropriate city or township clerk in the county of any voter

2 registration that needs to be canceled after 4 p.m. on the day

3 before an election so that the city or township clerk can cancel

4 the voter registration.

5   (6) At least once a month, the secretary of state shall post

6 on the department of state website the total number of voter

7 registrations canceled, broken down by all of the following:

8   (a) Month and year.

9   (b) County.

10   (c) City and township.