

HOUSE BILL NO. 4462

May 06, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Koleszar, Wooden, Mentzer, Price, Conlin, Xiong, Coffia, Longjohn, Arbit, Glanville, T. Carter, Rheingans, Brixie, Skaggs, Martus, Miller, Tsernoglou, MacDonell, Pohutsky, Morgan, McFall, Foreman, Paiz and Andrews and referred to Committee on Election Integrity.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 509aa (MCL 168.509aa), as amended by 2023 PA
86.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 509aa. (1) A clerk may use change of address information
2 supplied by the United States Postal Service or other reliable
3 information received by the clerk that identifies registered
4 electors whose addresses may have changed as provided in this

1 section.

2 (2) ~~On receipt of~~ **If a clerk receives** reliable information
3 that a registered elector has moved the elector's residence within
4 the city or township, the clerk shall send by forwardable mail all
5 of the following to the elector:

6 (a) A notice that the clerk has received information
7 indicating that the elector has moved the elector's residence
8 within the city or township.

9 (b) A postage prepaid and preaddressed return card on which
10 the elector may verify or correct the address information.

11 (c) A notice explaining that, if the address information is
12 correct and the elector has moved the elector's residence within
13 the city or township, the elector should complete and return the
14 **postage prepaid and preaddressed return** card to the clerk with a
15 postmark of ~~30~~**15** days or more before the date of the next
16 election. If the elector has moved the elector's residence within
17 the city or township and does not complete and return the **postage**
18 **prepaid and preaddressed return** card to the clerk with a postmark
19 of ~~30~~**15** days or more before the date of the next election, the
20 elector will be required to vote in the elector's former precinct
21 of residence in the city or township. The elector will also be
22 required to submit an address correction before being permitted to
23 vote.

24 (3) ~~On the receipt of~~ **If a clerk receives** reliable information
25 that a registered elector has moved the elector's residence to
26 another city or township, the clerk shall send by forwardable mail
27 all of the following to the elector:

28 (a) A notice that the clerk has received information
29 indicating that the elector has moved the elector's residence to

1 another city or township.

2 (b) A postage prepaid and preaddressed return card on which
3 the elector may verify or correct the address information.

4 (c) A notice containing all of the following information:

5 (i) If the address information is incorrect and the elector has
6 not moved to another city or township and wishes to remain
7 registered to vote, the elector should complete and return the
8 **postage prepaid and preaddressed return** card to the clerk with a
9 postmark of ~~30~~**15** days or more before the date of the next
10 election. If the **postage prepaid and preaddressed return** card is
11 not completed and returned with a postmark of ~~30~~**15** days or more
12 before the date of the next election, the elector may be required
13 to affirm the elector's current address before being permitted to
14 vote. Further, if the elector does not vote in an election within
15 the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the
16 first business day immediately following the second November
17 general election that is held after the date on the notice, the
18 registration of the elector will be canceled and the elector's name
19 will be removed from the registration record of that city or
20 township.

21 (ii) If the elector has moved the elector's residence to
22 another city or township, information on how the elector can become
23 registered to vote at the next election in the elector's new city
24 or township.

25 (4) If a notice sent under subsection (2) or (3) is returned
26 to the clerk by the post office as undeliverable, the clerk shall
27 identify the registration record of an elector as challenged as
28 provided in this act. The clerk shall instruct the board of
29 election inspectors to challenge that elector at the first election

at which the elector appears to vote. If in response to the challenge the elector indicates that the elector resides at the registration address or has changed addresses within the city or township, the elector must be permitted to vote a regular ballot rather than a challenged ballot. The elector shall complete a change of address form at the polling place, if applicable. If the elector does not appear to vote in an election within the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the first business day immediately following the second November general election that is held after the date of the notice, the clerk shall cancel the registration of the elector and remove the elector's name from the registration record of the city or township.

(5) If the department of state receives notice that a registered elector has moved out of state by receiving a surrendered Michigan driver license of that registered elector, **or if the department of state receives other reliable information that a registered elector has moved the registered elector's residence, including, but not limited to, a registered elector's failure to vote for 20 years or more,** the secretary of state shall send by forwardable mail all of the following to the elector:

(a) A notice that the secretary of state has received information indicating that the elector has moved the elector's residence. ~~to another state.~~

(b) A postage prepaid and preaddressed return card on which the elector may verify or correct the address information.

(c) A notice providing that if the address information is incorrect and the elector has not moved ~~to another state~~ and wishes to remain registered to vote, the elector should complete and return the **postage prepaid and preaddressed return** card to the

1 secretary of state with a postmark of ~~30~~**15** days or more before the
2 date of the next election. If the **postage prepaid and preaddressed**
3 **return** card is not completed and returned with a postmark of ~~30~~**15**
4 days or more before the date of the next election, the elector may
5 be required to affirm the elector's current address before being
6 permitted to vote. Further, if the elector does not vote in an
7 election within the period beginning on the date of the notice and
8 ending on the first business day immediately following the second
9 November general election that is held after the date on the
10 notice, the registration of the elector will be canceled and the
11 elector's name will be removed from the qualified voter file.

12 (6) A notice sent to an elector under subsection (2), (3), or
13 (5) must include a warning to the elector that any prior absent
14 voter ballot application submitted by the elector for all future
15 elections is rescinded and the elector will not be sent an absent
16 voter ballot for any future elections unless the elector submits a
17 new absent voter ballot application.