

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.503 Registration records; loss or destruction of registration card, execution of new registration affidavit; loss or destruction of files, re-registration of electors; noncompliance, correction or re-registration, expense.**

Sec. 503. If either the original or duplicate registration card, or both, of any elector shall be lost, destroyed or mutilated, the clerk of the township, city or village shall require the execution of a new registration affidavit by such elector. If any such elector shall refuse or neglect to execute such affidavit within 60 days after the mailing of a letter to such elector at the last address from which he has registered, then the registration of such elector may be cancelled. If either the original or duplicate registration cards, or both, of any township, city, village, or any ward or precinct thereof, shall be lost or destroyed, the township board or the legislative body of the city or village shall require a re-registration of the electors in such township, city, village, ward or precinct. If upon an examination of the registration records of any city, township or village, the secretary of state determines that the registration records fail to comply with the requirements of this act, the secretary of state may order the clerk of the city, township or village to make the corrections in the records necessary to comply with the provisions of this act or, if he finds that it is impractical to correct the registration records, he may apply to the circuit court of the circuit in which the city, township or village is located for an order for re-registration of the qualified electors in the city, township or village. Upon a proper showing of need, the court shall issue the order. In case the secretary of state directs the corrections to be made or the circuit court orders a re-registration to be taken, the secretary of state shall prescribe in all particulars the time and manner in which the corrections shall be made or the re-registration shall be taken and the disposition of the old registration records. The cost of the corrections or re-registration shall be borne by the city, township or village involved.

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