

SENATE BILL NO. 312

February 16, 1999, Introduced by Senators HAMMERSTROM, BENNETT, MC COTTER, SHUGARS, STEIL, ROGERS, JAYE and GOSCHKA 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 added by 1994 PA 441.

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 quali-
3 fied voter file. The secretary of state shall establish the
4 technology to implement the qualified voter file on or before
5 January 1, 1997. The qualified voter file shall be the official
6 file for the conduct of all elections held in this state on or
7 after January 1, 1998. The secretary of state may direct that
8 all or any part of the city, township, or village registration
9 files shall be used in conjunction with the qualified voter file

1 at the first state primary and election held after the creation
2 of the qualified voter file.

3 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the con-
4 trary, beginning January 1, 1998, a person who appears to vote in
5 an election and whose name appears in the qualified voter file
6 for that city, township, village, or school district is consid-
7 ered a registered voter of that city, township, village, or
8 school district under this act.

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

18 (4) THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AN AGENT OF THE SECRETARY OF
19 STATE, OR A DESIGNATED VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY SHALL NOT OFFER
20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE TO A PERSON WHO THE SECRETARY
21 OF STATE, AGENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OR DESIGNATED VOTER
22 REGISTRATION AGENCY KNOWS IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.