

HOUSE BILL No. 5659

February 8, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Cushingberry and Waters and referred to the
Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 509bb and 510 (MCL 168.509bb and 168.510),
section 509bb as added by 1994 PA 441, and by adding sections 515a
and 764c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 509bb. ~~A clerk shall not~~ **THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CITY,**
2 **TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY,**
3 **TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK TO** cancel or cause the cancellation of
4 the registration of a voter from the registration record of the
5 city, ~~or~~ township, **OR VILLAGE** based ~~solely~~ upon that registered
6 voter's failure to vote **IN MORE THAN 5 SUCCESSIVE ELECTIONS THAT**
7 **INCLUDE AT LEAST 2 GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.**

8 Sec. 510. (1) At least once a month, the county clerk shall

1 forward a list of the last known address and birth date of all
2 persons over 18 years of age who have died within the county to the
3 clerk of each city, ~~or~~ township, **OR VILLAGE** within the county.
4 The city, ~~or~~ township, **OR VILLAGE** clerk shall compare this list
5 with the **VOTER** registration records and cancel the **VOTER**
6 registration of all deceased electors.

7 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1), THE
8 CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK MAY SEARCH A NATIONAL DATABASE
9 CONTAINING DEATH RECORDS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LAST
10 KNOWN ADDRESS AND BIRTH DATE OF ALL PERSONS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE
11 WHO HAVE DIED WITHIN THE CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE. THE CITY,
12 TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK MAY COMPARE THE INFORMATION OBTAINED
13 FROM THE NATIONAL DATABASE WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS OF
14 THE CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE AND CANCEL THE VOTER REGISTRATION OF
15 ALL DECEASED ELECTORS.

16 SEC. 515A. (1) BEFORE THE 2006 AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION, IN A
17 CITY WITH A POPULATION GREATER THAN 500,000, THE CITY CLERK SHALL
18 COMPARE THE VOTER REGISTRATION ADDRESS OF EACH ELECTOR IN THE CITY
19 WITH THE ADDRESS OF EACH BUILDING LOCATED IN THE CITY THAT HAS BEEN
20 DEMOLISHED. IF THE VOTER REGISTRATION ADDRESS OF AN ELECTOR MATCHES
21 THE ADDRESS OF A BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED, THE CITY CLERK
22 SHALL IMMEDIATELY CANCEL THE VOTER REGISTRATION OF THAT ELECTOR.

23 (2) BEFORE THE 2008 GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION, THE CLERK OF
24 EACH CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE SHALL COMPARE THE VOTER
25 REGISTRATION ADDRESS OF EACH ELECTOR IN HIS OR HER CITY, TOWNSHIP,
26 OR VILLAGE WITH THE ADDRESS OF EACH BUILDING LOCATED IN HIS OR HER
27 CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE THAT HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED. IF THE VOTER

1 REGISTRATION ADDRESS OF AN ELECTOR MATCHES THE ADDRESS OF A
2 BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED, THE CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE
3 CLERK SHALL IMMEDIATELY CANCEL THE VOTER REGISTRATION OF THAT
4 ELECTOR.

5 (3) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE MAY
6 APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND DISBURSE GRANTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
7 TO DEFRAY ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR
8 VILLAGE IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

9 SEC. 764C. (1) THE CLERK OF EACH CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE
10 SHALL CANVASS THE STREET ADDRESS OF EACH ABSENT VOTER WHO DELIVERS
11 AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE TO THE CLERK OR ASSISTANT
12 CLERK TO CONFIRM THAT THE ABSENT VOTER IS A RESIDENT OF THE CITY,
13 TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE.

14 (2) A CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK MAY APPOINT A
15 SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PERSONS TO ASSIST THE CLERK IN PERFORMING THE
16 DUTIES IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (1). THE PERSONS APPOINTED TO
17 ASSIST THE CLERK UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT
18 LIMITED TO, ELECTION INSPECTORS APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 674 TO AN
19 ELECTION PRECINCT LOCATED IN THE CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE.

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