

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4127

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 510 (MCL 168.510).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 510. **(1)** At least once a month, the county clerk shall  
2 forward a list of the last known address and birth date of all  
3 ~~persons~~**individuals** over 18 years of age who have died ~~within~~**in**  
4 the county to the clerk of each city or township ~~within~~**in** the  
5 county. The city or township clerk shall compare this list with the  
6 registration records and cancel the registration of all deceased  
7 electors.

8           **(2)** For each registered elector who has been assigned a  
9 placeholder date of birth on the qualified voter file because the

1 actual date of birth of the registered elector is unknown, the  
2 secretary of state shall, not later than 90 days after the  
3 effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection,  
4 send by forwardable mail both of the following to the elector:

5 (a) A postage prepaid and preaddressed return card to the  
6 appropriate city or township clerk on which the elector may verify  
7 his or her date of birth and on which the elector must do both of  
8 the following:

9 (i) Sign his or her name.

10 (ii) Subject to subsection (3), attach to the return card a  
11 copy of his or her original birth certificate, current driver  
12 license, or current state personal identification card as proof of  
13 his or her date of birth.

14 (b) A notice that contains the following statement:

15 "Secretary of state records indicate that your date of birth  
16 is not on the qualified voter file. To confirm your status as a  
17 registered voter, please complete, sign, and return the enclosed  
18 card providing your date of birth and proof of date of birth to the  
19 appropriate city or township clerk at least 15 days before the next  
20 election. If you do not complete, sign, and return the enclosed  
21 card and provide proof of date of birth to the appropriate city or  
22 township clerk at least 15 days before the next election, you will  
23 be required to affirm your date of birth at the polls before you  
24 are permitted to vote. To keep your status as a registered voter,  
25 you must respond to this notice, vote, or engage in voting-related  
26 activity, including, but not limited to, requesting an absent voter  
27 ballot application or updating your voter registration, by the  
28 first business day after the second general November election that  
29 is held after the date on this notice."

1           (3) If an elector returns his or her completed and signed  
2 return card in person to the appropriate city or township clerk,  
3 the elector may provide proof of his or her date of birth by  
4 showing the city or township clerk his or her original birth  
5 certificate or his or her current driver license or current state  
6 personal identification card.

7           (4) Subject to subsection (5), until an elector returns a  
8 completed and signed return card, and provides proof of his or her  
9 date of birth, to the appropriate city or township clerk to verify  
10 his or her date of birth as provided in subsection (2), the city or  
11 township clerk shall identify the registration record of that  
12 elector as challenged as provided in this act.

13           (5) Upon receipt of a return card under subsection (2) from an  
14 elector, the appropriate city or township clerk shall compare the  
15 signature on the return card to the signature for that elector on  
16 the qualified voter file. If the signature on the return card and  
17 the signature for that elector on the qualified voter file do not  
18 match, the city or township clerk shall identify the registration  
19 record of that elector as challenged as provided in this act. The  
20 city or township clerk shall notify the elector that his or her  
21 signature on the return card did not match the signature for that  
22 elector on the qualified voter file and that his or her  
23 registration record is considered challenged. The notice to the  
24 elector under this subsection must include the steps the elector  
25 must take in order to no longer have his or her registration record  
26 considered to be challenged.

27           (6) If a notice sent under subsection (2) is returned to the  
28 secretary of state by the post office as undeliverable, the  
29 secretary of state shall identify the registration record of that

1 elector as challenged as provided in this act. If the elector does  
2 not vote or engage in voting-related activity by the first business  
3 day after the second general November election that is held after  
4 the date on the notice, the secretary of state shall cancel the  
5 registration of that elector and notify the appropriate city or  
6 township clerk of the cancellation.