

HOUSE BILL NO. 4876

June 28, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Smit, Beeler, Kunse, Bruck, Fox, Maddock, DeSana, Jaime Greene, Bollin, Friske, Meerman and Schriver 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 amended by 2022 PA 195.

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
3 qualified voter file. The secretary of state shall establish the
4 technology to implement the qualified voter file. The qualified
5 voter file is the official file for the conduct of all elections

1 held in this state. The secretary of state may direct that all or
2 any part of the city or township voter registration files must be
3 used in conjunction with the qualified voter file at the first
4 state primary and election held after the creation of the qualified
5 voter file.

6 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
7 contrary, an individual who appears to vote in an election and
8 whose name appears in the qualified voter file for that city,
9 township, or school district is considered a registered voter of
10 that city, township, or school district under this act.

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

20 (4) The secretary of state shall develop and utilize a process
21 by which information obtained through the United States Social
22 Security Administration's death master file that is used to cancel
23 an operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan
24 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an official
25 state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL
26 28.291 to 28.300, of a deceased resident of this state is also used
27 at least once a month to update the qualified voter file to cancel
28 the voter registration of any elector determined to be deceased.
29 The secretary of state shall make the canceled voter registration

1 information under this subsection available to the clerk of each
2 county, city, or township to assist with the clerk's obligations
3 under section 510.

4 (5) Subject to this subsection, the secretary of state shall
5 participate with other states in 1 or more recognized multistate
6 programs or services, if available, to assist in the verification
7 of the current residence and voter registration status of electors.
8 The secretary of state shall not participate in any recognized
9 multistate program or service described in this subsection that
10 requires this state to promote or adopt legislation as a condition
11 of participation in that program or service. In addition, the
12 secretary of state shall not participate in any recognized
13 multistate program or service described in this subsection if the
14 secretary of state determines that data of that program or service
15 are not being adequately secured or protected. The secretary of
16 state shall follow the procedures under section 509aa(5) with
17 regard to any electors affected by information obtained through any
18 multistate program or service.

19 (6) **Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after the**
20 **secretary of state receives from or transmits to a recognized**
21 **multistate program or service, as described in subsection (5), any**
22 **data or report concerning the current residence and voter**
23 **registration status of electors, the secretary of state shall make**
24 **that data or report available to the chairs of the house and senate**
25 **committees dealing with elections. This subsection does not apply**
26 **if making data or a report available to the chairs of the house and**
27 **senate committees dealing with elections violates the membership**
28 **agreement with that recognized multistate program or service.**