

# HOUSE BILL No. 4478

March 19, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Schor, LaVoy and Kivela and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 500 and 501 (MCL 168.500 and 168.501), section 501 as amended by 2005 PA 71, and by adding sections 19 and 755a.

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

1           **SEC. 19. AS USED IN THIS ACT, "PHYSICAL DISABILITY" MEANS THAT**  
2           **TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 6 OF THE ADULT FOSTER CARE FACILITY**  
3           **LICENSING ACT, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.706.**

4           Sec. 500. If ~~the~~**AN** applicant for **VOTER** registration is unable  
5           to write, **OR SIGN HIS OR HER NAME ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION**  
6           **APPLICATION BECAUSE OF A PHYSICAL DISABILITY**, then ~~he shall~~**THE**  
7           **APPLICANT MAY** execute the registration affidavit **EITHER** by making  
8           his **OR HER** mark and ~~there shall be noted upon the registration card~~  
9           ~~the month, day and year of his birth and any other identifying~~

1 ~~information which shall be used in identifying said person at the~~  
2 ~~time he makes application for voting as hereinafter more~~  
3 ~~specifically provided~~ **OR BY USING A SIGNATURE STAMP.**

4       Sec. 501. The original registration cards shall be filed  
5 alphabetically ~~hereinafter~~ and shall be termed the "master file".  
6 The master file shall contain the signature of each elector  
7 registered in the city, township, or village, unless the clerk of  
8 the jurisdiction has access to the qualified voter file and the  
9 elector has a digitized signature in the qualified voter file. **IF**  
10 **AN ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO WRITE, OR SIGN HIS OR HER NAME BECAUSE OF A**  
11 **PHYSICAL DISABILITY, THE MASTER FILE SHALL CONTAIN THE MARK OR**  
12 **SIGNATURE STAMP USED BY THAT ELECTOR WHEN A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.**

13       **SEC. 755A. (1) IF AN ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO WRITE, OR SIGN HIS**  
14 **OR HER NAME ON AN ELECTION DOCUMENT BECAUSE OF A PHYSICAL**  
15 **DISABILITY, THE ELECTOR MAY EXECUTE THE ELECTION DOCUMENT WHERE A**  
16 **SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED EITHER BY MAKING HIS OR HER MARK OR BY USING**  
17 **A SIGNATURE STAMP.**

18       **(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ELECTION DOCUMENT" INCLUDES, BUT**  
19 **IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

20       **(A) A VOTER APPLICATION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 523.**

21       **(B) AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION**  
22 **759 OR 759A.**

23       **(C) AN EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION AS DESCRIBED**  
24 **IN SECTION 759B.**

25       **(D) AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE AS DESCRIBED IN**  
26 **SECTION 761.**