

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 303

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 523 (MCL 168.523), as amended by 2018 PA 129.

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

1       Sec. 523. (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2),~~  
2 ~~at~~**At** each election, before being given a ballot, each registered  
3 elector offering to vote must identify himself or herself by  
4 presenting identification for election purposes, and by executing  
5 an application, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, in  
6 the presence of an election official that includes all of the  
7 following:

- 8           (a) The name of the elector.  
9           (b) The elector's address of residence.

1 (c) The elector's date of birth.

2 (d) An affirmative statement by the elector that is included  
3 in the signature statement indicating that he or she is a citizen  
4 of the United States.

5 (e) The elector's signature or mark.

6 (2) ~~If an~~ **An** elector's **digitized** signature contained in the  
7 qualified voter file ~~is available~~ **must be included in the**  
8 **electronic poll book used** in the polling place. ~~the~~ **The** election  
9 official ~~shall~~ **must** compare the signature ~~upon~~ **on** the application  
10 with the **elector's** digitized signature ~~provided by the qualified~~  
11 ~~voter file.~~ **in the electronic poll book.**

12 (3) If an elector's signature is not contained in the  
13 ~~qualified voter file,~~ **electronic poll book**, the election official  
14 shall process the application in the same manner as applications  
15 are processed when a voter registration list is used in the polling  
16 place. If voter registration lists are used in the precinct, the  
17 election inspector shall determine if the name on the application  
18 to vote appears on the voter registration list. If the name appears  
19 on the voter registration list, the elector shall provide further  
20 identification or other information stated ~~upon~~ **on** the voter  
21 registration list. If the signature or an item of information does  
22 not correspond, the vote of the ~~person~~ **individual** must be  
23 challenged, and the same procedure must be followed as provided in  
24 this act for the challenging of an elector.

25 (4) If the elector does not have identification for election  
26 purposes as required under this section **or the elector's signature**  
27 **on the application does not match the elector's digitized signature**  
28 **contained in the electronic poll book**, the individual ~~shall sign an~~  
29 ~~affidavit to that effect before an election inspector and be~~

1 ~~allowed to vote as otherwise provided in this act. However, an~~  
2 ~~elector being allowed to vote without identification for election~~  
3 ~~purposes as required under this section is subject to challenge as~~  
4 ~~provided in section 727.~~ **must be issued a provisional ballot that is**  
5 **processed according to section 523a(5) .**

6 (5) ~~(3)~~ If, ~~upon~~ **on** a comparison of the **digitized** signature ~~or~~  
7 **and** other identification as required in this section, it is found  
8 that the applicant is entitled to vote, the election officer having  
9 charge of the registration list shall approve the application and  
10 write his or her initials on the application, after which the  
11 number on the ballot issued must be noted on the application. The  
12 application serves as 1 of the 2 poll lists required to be kept as  
13 a record of ~~a person~~ **an individual** who has voted. The application  
14 must be filed with the township ~~, or~~ city ~~, or~~ village clerk. If  
15 voter registration cards are used in the precinct, the date of the  
16 election must be noted by 1 of the election officials upon the  
17 precinct registration card of each elector voting at an election.  
18 If voter registration lists are used in the precinct, the election  
19 official shall clearly indicate ~~upon~~ **on** the list each elector  
20 voting at that election. The clerk of a city ~~, village,~~ or township  
21 ~~shall~~ **must** maintain a record of voting participation for each  
22 registered elector.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
24 unless Senate Bill No. 304 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into  
25 law.