

# SENATE BILL No. 438

April 25, 2007, Introduced by Senators McMANUS, RICHARDVILLE, BIRKHOLZ, KUIPERS, VAN WOERKOM, PATTERSON, KAHN, JANSEN, STAMAS and PRUSI and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 509u (MCL 168.509u), as added by 1994 PA 441,  
and by adding section 499a.

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

1           SEC. 499A. (1) UNLESS AN APPLICANT SPECIFICALLY DECLINES TO  
2 REGISTER TO VOTE OR FAILS TO SIGN THE VOTER REGISTRATION PORTION OF  
3 THE APPLICATION, EACH APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A RESIDENT HUNTING,  
4 FISHING, OR FUR HARVESTER'S LICENSE UNDER PART 435 OF THE NATURAL  
5 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
6 324.43501 TO 324.43561, BY AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT LESS THAN 18  
7 YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE NOT LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE BY THE NEXT  
8 ELECTION OR PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL ALSO SERVE AS AN APPLICATION FOR

1 VOTER REGISTRATION.

2 (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
3 OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND FORMS NECESSARY  
4 TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

5 (3) THE FORMS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) SHALL MEET ALL OF  
6 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

7 (A) INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED ON OTHER VOTER  
8 REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS UNDER THIS ACT.

9 (B) NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO DUPLICATE ANY INFORMATION  
10 REQUIRED IN THE RESIDENT HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR HARVESTER'S  
11 PORTION OF THE APPLICATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SECOND  
12 SIGNATURE.

13 (C) STATE EACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN SECTION  
14 492.

15 (D) INCLUDE THE PENALTIES PROVIDED BY LAW FOR SUBMITTING FALSE  
16 INFORMATION ON A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

17 (E) INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT IF AN APPLICANT DECLINES TO  
18 REGISTER TO VOTE, THE FACT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS DECLINED TO  
19 REGISTER WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

20 (4) WHEN AN APPLICATION IS RECEIVED, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
21 RESOURCES AND THOSE PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
22 RESOURCES TO ISSUE AND SELL A RESIDENT HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR  
23 HARVESTER'S LICENSE UNDER PART 435 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43501 TO  
25 324.43561, SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 (A) VALIDATE THE APPLICATION IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE  
27 SECRETARY OF STATE.

1 (B) ISSUE A RECEIPT TO THE APPLICANT VERIFYING THE ACCEPTANCE  
2 OF THE APPLICATION.

3 (5) A PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
4 TO ISSUE AND SELL A RESIDENT HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR HARVESTER'S  
5 LICENSE UNDER PART 435 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43501 TO 324.43561, SHALL NOT  
7 DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) SEEK TO INFLUENCE AN APPLICANT'S POLITICAL PREFERENCE.

9 (B) DISPLAY ON HIS OR HER PERSON ANY POLITICAL PREFERENCE OR  
10 ALLEGIANCE TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR GROUP.

11 (C) MAKE ANY STATEMENT TO AN APPLICANT OR TAKE ANY ACTION THE  
12 PURPOSE OR EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO DISCOURAGE THE APPLICANT FROM  
13 APPLYING TO REGISTER TO VOTE.

14 (D) MAKE ANY STATEMENT TO AN APPLICANT OR TAKE ANY ACTION THE  
15 PURPOSE OR EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO LEAD THE APPLICANT TO BELIEVE THAT  
16 A DECISION TO APPLY OR NOT TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE HAS ANY  
17 BEARING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES OR BENEFITS.

18 (6) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THOSE PERSONS  
19 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ISSUE AND SELL  
20 A RESIDENT HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR HARVESTER'S LICENSE UNDER PART  
21 435 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994  
22 PA 451, MCL 324.43501 TO 324.43561, SHALL TRANSMIT THE COMPLETED  
23 APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AT  
24 THE END OF EACH BUSINESS DAY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL FORWARD  
25 THE APPLICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL CLERK TO DETERMINE  
26 ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT AND, IF THE APPLICANT IS FOUND  
27 ELIGIBLE, TO ADD THE APPLICANT'S NAME TO THE QUALIFIED VOTER FILE.

1           (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL MAINTAIN  
2 STATISTICAL RECORDS ON THE NUMBER OF VOTER REGISTRATIONS AND  
3 DECLINATIONS AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

4           (8) INFORMATION RELATING TO AN APPLICANT DECLINING TO SIGN A  
5 VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE  
6 OTHER THAN VOTER REGISTRATION AND IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
7 SECTION 509GG.

8           Sec. 509u. (1) Not later than ~~the thirtieth day after the~~  
9 ~~effective date of this section~~ FEBRUARY 9, 1995, the governor shall  
10 provide a list to the secretary of state designating the executive  
11 departments, state agencies, or other offices that will perform  
12 voter registration activities in this state.

13           (2) Pursuant to the national voter registration act of 1993, a  
14 recruitment office of the armed forces of the United States is a  
15 designated voter registration agency under this act.

16           (3) PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 499A, THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THOSE PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ISSUE AND SELL A RESIDENT  
19 HUNTING, FISHING, OR FUR HARVESTER'S LICENSE UNDER PART 435 OF THE  
20 NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451,  
21 MCL 324.43501 TO 324.43561, MAY PERFORM VOTER REGISTRATION  
22 ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE.