

# HOUSE BILL No. 5971

October 17, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Brown and Byrum and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending sections 509v and 509w (MCL 168.509v and 168.509w), as  
added by 1994 PA 441.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 509v. (1) A person who is not registered to vote at the  
2 address where he or she resides may apply to register to vote by  
3 submitting ~~an~~ **A VOTER REGISTRATION** application at any of the  
4 following locations:

5       (a) The office of the clerk of a county or the office of the  
6 clerk of the city or township in which the applicant resides,  
7 during regular office hours of that clerk.

1 (b) A department of state office.

2 (c) A designated voter registration agency when submitting an  
3 application, recertification, renewal, or change of address at the  
4 voter registration agency.

5 (2) A person who is not registered to vote at the address  
6 where he or she resides may apply for registration by submitting a  
7 completed mail **VOTER** registration application. A person may request  
8 a mail **VOTER** registration application from and submit the  
9 application to any of the following:

10 (a) The secretary of state.

11 (b) The clerk of the county, city, or township in which the  
12 applicant resides.

13 (c) A designated voter registration agency.

14 **(3) A PERSON WHO IS NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE ADDRESS**  
15 **WHERE HE OR SHE RESIDES MAY APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY SUBMITTING**  
16 **A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION IN PERSON TO ANY COUNTY, CITY, OR**  
17 **TOWNSHIP CLERK IN THIS STATE OR AN AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME OR PART-**  
18 **TIME EMPLOYEE OF ANY COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP CLERK IN THIS STATE.**  
19 **AN AUTHORIZED ASSISTANT OF A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP CLERK WHO IS**  
20 **NOT A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY, CITY, OR**  
21 **TOWNSHIP CLERK IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A VOTER REGISTRATION**  
22 **APPLICATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

23 Sec. 509w. (1) The person processing ~~an~~ **A VOTER REGISTRATION**  
24 application submitted in person at a department of state office, a  
25 designated voter registration agency, or ~~the office of a county~~  
26 ~~clerk~~ **A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE** shall do all of  
27 the following:

1 (a) Validate the application in the manner prescribed by the  
2 secretary of state.

3 (b) Issue a receipt to the applicant verifying the acceptance  
4 of the application.

5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), the  
6 department of state office, the designated voter registration  
7 agency, ~~or the county clerk,~~ **OR THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK, IF**  
8 **OTHER THAN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK WHERE THE APPLICANT RESIDES,**  
9 shall transmit the application not later than 7 days after receipt  
10 of the application to the clerk of the county, city, or township  
11 where the applicant resides.

12 (3) If an application under subsection (1) is made within 7  
13 days before the close of registration for a federal election, the  
14 department of state office, the designated voter registration  
15 agency, ~~or the county clerk,~~ **OR THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK, IF**  
16 **OTHER THAN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK WHERE THE APPLICANT RESIDES,**  
17 shall transmit the application not later than 1 business day to the  
18 clerk of the county, city, or township where the applicant resides.

19 (4) If a completed application is transmitted by the secretary  
20 of state or a designated voter registration agency to a county  
21 clerk, the secretary of state, to the extent funds are  
22 appropriated, shall compensate the county clerk for the cost of  
23 forwarding the application to the proper city or township clerk of  
24 the applicant's residence from funds appropriated to the secretary  
25 of state for that purpose.