

# SENATE BILL No. 754

October 12, 2011, Introduced by Senators JANSEN, GREEN and ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
"Michigan election law,"  
by amending section 509v (MCL 168.509v), as added by 1994 PA 441,  
and by adding section 497c.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 497C. (1) BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE  
2        AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO APPLIES IN  
3        PERSON TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT A DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE, A  
4        DESIGNATED VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY, THE OFFICE OF A COUNTY CLERK,  
5        OR THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH THE  
6        APPLICANT RESIDES SHALL IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR HERSELF BY PRESENTING  
7        AN OFFICIAL STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO THAT PERSON UNDER

1 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 TO 28.300, AN OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S  
2 LICENSE ISSUED TO THAT PERSON UNDER THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949  
3 PA 300, MCL 257.1 TO 257.923, OR OTHER GENERALLY RECOGNIZED PICTURE  
4 IDENTIFICATION CARD.

5 (2) IF A PERSON WHO APPLIES IN PERSON TO REGISTER TO VOTE AS  
6 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT PRESENT AN OFFICIAL STATE  
7 IDENTIFICATION CARD, AN OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE, OR OTHER  
8 GENERALLY RECOGNIZED PICTURE IDENTIFICATION CARD AS REQUIRED UNDER  
9 SUBSECTION (1), THAT PERSON'S VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL  
10 BE CONSIDERED A MAIL REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

11 Sec. 509v. (1) A person who is not registered to vote at the  
12 address where he or she resides may apply to register to vote by  
13 submitting an application at any of the following locations:

14 (a) The office of the clerk of a county or the office of the  
15 clerk of the city or township in which the applicant resides,  
16 during regular office hours of that clerk.

17 (b) A department of state office.

18 (c) A designated voter registration agency when submitting an  
19 application, recertification, renewal, or change of address at the  
20 voter registration agency.

21 (2) A person who is not registered to vote at the address  
22 where he or she resides may apply for registration by submitting a  
23 completed mail registration application. A person may request a  
24 mail registration application from and submit the application to  
25 any of the following:

26 (a) The secretary of state.

27 (b) The clerk of the county, city, or township in which the

1 applicant resides.

2 (c) A designated voter registration agency.

3 (D) A THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION.

4 (3) BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, A  
5 THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL REGISTER WITH THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 STATE, AND SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALL OF THE  
8 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

9 (A) THE NAME AND PERMANENT ADDRESS OF THE THIRD-PARTY VOTER  
10 REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION.

11 (B) THE NAME OF EACH OFFICER OF THE THIRD-PARTY VOTER  
12 REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION.

13 (C) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION  
14 ORGANIZATION'S REGISTERED AGENT IN THIS STATE.

15 (4) IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 STATE UNDER SUBSECTION (3) CHANGES, THE THIRD-PARTY VOTER  
17 REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL PROMPTLY PROVIDE THAT UPDATED  
18 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

19 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL MAINTAIN A DATABASE  
20 CONTAINING THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH THIRD-PARTY VOTER  
21 REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION THAT IS REGISTERED WITH THIS STATE.

22 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEVELOP A VOTER REGISTRATION  
23 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATIONS  
24 THAT TEACHES THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR TAKING A VOTER REGISTRATION  
25 APPLICATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING TO  
26 THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATIONS THAT IS CONSISTENT  
27 WITH THE VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING PROGRAM.

1           (7) EACH THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL  
2     DESIGNATE 1 PERSON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE'S VOTER REGISTRATION  
3     TRAINING PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6). THE PERSON  
4     DESIGNATED BY A THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION WHO  
5     RECEIVES TRAINING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE  
6     REGISTRATION AGENTS OF THAT THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION  
7     ORGANIZATION BEFORE THE REGISTRATION AGENTS CONDUCT VOTER  
8     REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE.

9           (8) EACH REGISTRATION AGENT EMPLOYED BY OR VOLUNTEERING FOR A  
10    THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL SIGN A STATEMENT,  
11    AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THAT CERTIFIES THAT THE  
12    REGISTRATION AGENT WILL COMPLY WITH ALL STATE LAWS AND RULES  
13    CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS. THE STATEMENT SHALL  
14    INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15           (A) A PROVISION INDICATING THAT THE REGISTRATION AGENT HAS  
16    RECEIVED VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

17           (B) A NOTICE OF APPLICABLE PENALTIES FOR FALSE REGISTRATION OF  
18    ELECTORS UNDER THIS ACT.

19           (9) A THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL KEEP  
20    THE SIGNED STATEMENTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (8), ON FILE  
21    FOR NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS. THE SIGNED STATEMENTS SHALL BE MADE  
22    AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UPON REQUEST.

23           (10) A THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SERVES AS A  
24    FIDUCIARY TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICANT, ENSURING THAT THE  
25    APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE PROMPTLY  
26    DELIVERED TO THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP WHERE THE  
27    APPLICANT RESIDES.

1           (11) IF A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY A  
2   THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION WITHIN 7 DAYS BEFORE  
3   THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR A FEDERAL ELECTION, THE THIRD-PARTY  
4   VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL TRANSMIT THAT APPLICATION TO  
5   THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP WHERE THE APPLICANT  
6   RESIDES WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY AFTER RECEIVING THE APPLICATION.

7           (12) IF A THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION WANTS TO  
8   WITHDRAW AS A REGISTERED THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION  
9   ORGANIZATION, THE THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION SHALL  
10   SUBMIT A WITHDRAWAL FORM, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
11   WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

12          (13) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION  
13   ORGANIZATION" MEANS A PERSON, ENTITY, OR ORGANIZATION THAT SOLICITS  
14   A PERSON TO RETURN A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO THE  
15   ORGANIZATION OR THAT COLLECTS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FROM  
16   APPLICANTS. A THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATION DOES NOT  
17   INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

18          (A) THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

19          (B) A COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK OR ASSISTANT  
20   CLERK.

21          (C) A DESIGNATED VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY AS DEFINED IN  
22   SECTION 509M.

23          (D) A PERSON WHO REGISTERS VOTERS OR WHO COLLECTS VOTER  
24   REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AS AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE SECRETARY  
25   OF STATE, A COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK, OR A  
26   DESIGNATED VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY.