

# HOUSE BILL No. 4938

September 3, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Knezek and Schor and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled  
 "Michigan election law,"  
 by amending section 523 (MCL 168.523), as amended by 2012 PA 523.

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

1           Sec. 523. (1) At each election, before being given a ballot,  
 2 each registered elector offering to vote shall identify himself or  
 3 herself by presenting an official state identification card issued  
 4 to that individual ~~under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300, an~~  
 5 ~~operator's or chauffeur's license issued to that individual under~~  
 6 ~~the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or~~  
 7 ~~either~~ **OR A** generally recognized picture identification card and by  
 8 executing an application, on a form prescribed by the secretary of  
 9 state, in the presence of an election official which includes all  
 10 of the following:

11           (a) The name of the elector.

1 (b) The elector's address of residence.

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

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

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

7 (2) If an elector's signature contained in the qualified voter  
8 file is available in the polling place, the election official shall  
9 compare the signature upon the application with the digitized  
10 signature provided by the qualified voter file. If an elector's  
11 signature is not contained in the qualified voter file, the  
12 election official shall process the application in the same manner  
13 as applications are processed when a voter registration list is  
14 used in the polling place. If voter registration lists are used in  
15 the precinct, the election inspector shall determine if the name on  
16 the application to vote appears on the voter registration list. If  
17 the name appears on the voter registration list, the elector shall  
18 provide further identification or other information stated upon the  
19 voter registration list. If the signature or an item of information  
20 does not correspond, the vote of the person shall be challenged,  
21 and the same procedure shall be followed as provided in this act  
22 for the challenging of an elector. If the elector does not have an  
23 official state identification card ~~, operator's or chauffeur's~~  
24 ~~license, or other~~ A generally recognized picture identification  
25 card as required under this ~~subsection,~~ **SECTION**, the individual  
26 shall sign an affidavit to that effect before an election inspector  
27 and be allowed to vote as otherwise provided in this act. However,

1 an elector being allowed to vote without the identification  
2 required under this ~~subsection~~**SECTION** is subject to challenge as  
3 provided in section 727.

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

21 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "OFFICIAL STATE IDENTIFICATION  
22 CARD" MEANS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

23 (A) AN OFFICIAL STATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED  
24 UNDER 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 TO 28.300.

25 (B) A CURRENT OR EXPIRED OPERATOR'S OR CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE  
26 ISSUED UNDER THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 TO  
27 257.923.

1 (C) A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD.

2 (D) A MICHIGAN BRIDGE CARD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1109 OF THE  
3 FOOD LAW, 2000 PA 92, MCL 289.1109.

4 (E) A CURRENT UTILITY BILL.

5 (F) A CURRENT PAYCHECK.

6 (G) A CURRENT BANK STATEMENT.

7 (H) A CURRENT DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD.

8 (I) A CURRENT RETIREMENT CENTER IDENTIFICATION CARD.

9 (J) A CURRENT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IDENTIFICATION CARD.

10 (K) A CURRENT EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARD.

11 (L) A CURRENT STUDENT OR SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARD.

12 (M) A CURRENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED LICENSE TO CARRY OR POSSESS A  
13 FIREARM.

14 (N) A CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DEBIT CARD ISSUED BY A  
15 STATE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE.