

HOUSE BILL NO. 5985

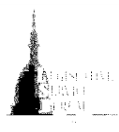
July 23, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Pagan, Hammoud, Stone, Pohutsky, Sowerby, Guerra, Brenda Carter, Camilleri, Hoadley, Lasinski, Bolden, Brixie, Yancey, Rabhi, Hope, Gay-Dagnogo and Koleszar and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
(MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 759e.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 759e. (1) Each city or township clerk shall maintain a
2 permanent absent voter list.

3 (2) Each county, city, or township clerk may mail to each
4 registered elector in the county, city, or township a notice
5 indicating that the elector may request to be placed on the
6 permanent absent voter list of the city or township in which the



1 elector is registered to vote.

2 (3) If a city or township clerk maintains a permanent absent
3 voter list on or before the effective date of the amendatory act
4 that added this section, the city or township clerk may continue to
5 maintain that list as its permanent absent voter list.

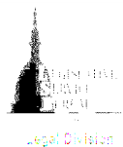
6 (4) Each voter registration application produced by this state
7 must include a space for the elector to mark if the elector wishes
8 to be listed on the permanent absent voter list of the city or
9 township in which the elector is registered to vote. In addition,
10 each absent voter ballot application as prescribed under section
11 759 and distributed by a county, city, or township clerk must
12 include a space for the elector to mark if the elector wishes to be
13 listed on the permanent absent voter list of the city or township
14 in which the elector is registered to vote.

15 (5) In addition to subsection (4), a qualified and registered
16 elector may request to be placed on the permanent absent voter list
17 of the city or township in which the elector is registered to vote.
18 A request by an elector under this subsection must be made to the
19 city or township clerk in person or by telephone, facsimile
20 communication, electronic mail, or first-class mail.

21 (6) The request of each registered and qualified elector to be
22 placed on the permanent absent voter list must be entered in the
23 qualified voter file in the same manner as data are entered for a
24 new elector.

25 (7) The county, city, or township clerk responsible for
26 issuing absent voter ballots for an election shall send to each
27 elector on the permanent absent voter list an application for an
28 absent voter ballot for the election.

29 (8) A qualified and registered elector may request to be



1 removed from the permanent absent voter list of the city or
2 township. A request by an elector under this subsection must be
3 made to the city or township clerk in person or by telephone,
4 facsimile communication, electronic mail, or first-class mail.

5 (9) Every January, the city or township clerk may remove an
6 elector from the permanent absent voter list if the elector has not
7 requested an absent voter ballot in any election held in the
8 previous 4 consecutive years.

9 (10) If an elector is on a permanent absent voter list and the
10 elector changes his or her residence, the elector's request to be
11 on a permanent absent voter list automatically continues and the
12 elector must be listed on the permanent absent voter list of the
13 city or township in which the elector is registered to vote.

