

SENATE BILL NO. 594

October 18, 2023, Introduced by Senator MOSS and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled
"Michigan election law,"
by amending section 509ii (MCL 168.509ii), as added by 2018 PA 350.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 509ii. (1) The secretary of state shall develop and
2 maintain an electronic voter registration interface to allow an
3 applicant to submit a voter registration application electronically
4 through the secretary of state's website. The electronic voter
5 registration interface must do all of the following:

6 (a) Transmit the application to the qualified voter file.

1 (b) Require the applicant's assent to submit the voter
2 registration application electronically.

3 (c) Issue a receipt to the applicant in the manner prescribed
4 by the secretary of state.

5 (d) Utilize security features determined appropriate by the
6 secretary of state or the department of technology, management, and
7 budget to prevent unauthorized access to data or information and to
8 ensure that a person attempting to use the electronic voter
9 registration interface is an individual.

10 (2) The secretary of state shall develop an electronic voter
11 registration application that includes all of the same information
12 as provided on the mail registration form developed by the
13 secretary of state under section 509n(a), and that also includes
14 the notice required under section 307(1)(c) of the Michigan vehicle
15 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.307.

16 (3) In order to authenticate the identity of a voter
17 registration applicant submitting an electronic voter registration
18 application under this section, the voter registration applicant
19 must provide 1 of the following:

20 (a) The identification number for the applicant on any of the
21 following:

22 (i) A valid operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the
23 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

24 (ii) A valid official state personal identification card issued
25 under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

26 (iii) An enhanced driver license issued under the enhanced
27 driver license and enhanced official state personal identification
28 card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.

29 (iv) An enhanced official state personal identification card

1 issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official
 2 state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to
 3 28.308.

4 (b) If the applicant does not have an identification number
 5 for an identification as provided under subdivision (a), the last 4
 6 digits of a valid Social Security number for the applicant.

7 (4) If a voter registration applicant submits a voter
 8 registration application under this section that provides an
 9 identification number for an identification as provided under
 10 subsection (3) (a), the electronic voter registration interface must
 11 do all of the following:

12 (a) ~~(b)~~—Interact with the state operator's or chauffeur's
 13 license file, enhanced driver license file, official state personal
 14 identification card file, and enhanced state personal
 15 identification card file for authentication purposes.

16 (b) ~~(c)~~—Authenticate the identity of an applicant under a
 17 process developed by the secretary of state that ~~includes, but is~~
 18 ~~not limited to, verifying~~ **verifies** all of the following:

19 ~~(i) The last 4 digits of the applicant's social security~~
 20 ~~number.~~

21 (i) ~~(ii)~~—The applicant's operator's or chauffeur's license
 22 number, enhanced driver license number, official state personal
 23 identification card number, or enhanced official state personal
 24 identification card number.

25 (ii) ~~(iii)~~—The applicant's full name as printed on ~~his or her~~ **the**
 26 **applicant's** operator's or chauffeur's license, enhanced driver
 27 license, official state personal identification card, or enhanced
 28 official state personal identification card.

29 (iii) ~~(iv)~~—The applicant's date of birth.

1 (iv) ~~(v)~~—The applicant's eye color as printed on ~~his or her~~ **the**
2 **applicant's** operator's or chauffeur's license, enhanced driver
3 license, official state personal identification card, or enhanced
4 official state personal identification card.

5 (c) ~~(d)~~—Require ~~the applicant's assent to submit a voter~~
6 ~~registration application electronically and require the applicant's~~
7 ~~assent to use his or her~~ **the applicant's** most recent digitized
8 signature if captured or reproduced by the secretary of state under
9 section 307 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.307,
10 section 5 of the enhanced driver license and enhanced official
11 state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.305, or
12 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

13 ~~(e) Issue a receipt to the applicant in the manner prescribed~~
14 ~~by the secretary of state.~~

15 ~~(f) Utilize additional security features considered~~
16 ~~appropriate by the secretary of state or the department of~~
17 ~~technology, management, and budget to prevent unauthorized access~~
18 ~~to data or information, or to ensure that a person attempting to~~
19 ~~use the electronic voter registration interface is an individual.~~

20 ~~(2) The secretary of state shall develop an electronic voter~~
21 ~~registration application that includes all of the same information~~
22 ~~as provided on the mail registration form developed by the~~
23 ~~secretary of state under section 509n(a), and also includes the~~
24 ~~notice required under section 307(1)(c) of the Michigan vehicle~~
25 ~~code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.307.~~

26 ~~(3) Only an individual who possesses both of the following is~~
27 ~~eligible to submit an electronic voter registration application:~~

28 ~~(a) The qualifications of an elector as provided in section~~
29 ~~492.~~

~~(b) A valid official state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300, an enhanced official state personal identification card issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308, a valid operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an enhanced driver license issued under the enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.~~

(5) If a voter registration applicant does not have an identification number for an identification as provided under subsection (3) (a), and that voter registration applicant submits a voter registration application under this section that provides the last 4 digits of the applicant's Social Security number, the electronic voter registration interface must do all of the following:

(a) Authenticate the identity of the applicant under a process developed by the secretary of state that verifies all of the following information using information maintained by the United States Social Security Administration or the secretary of state:

(i) The last 4 digits of the applicant's Social Security number.

(ii) The applicant's full name.

(iii) The applicant's date of birth.

(b) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (6), require the applicant's assent to use the applicant's most recent digitized signature contained in the qualified voter file.

(6) If a digitized signature for a voter registration applicant under subsection (5) is not contained in the qualified

1 voter file, the voter registration applicant is required to
2 electronically submit an image of the applicant's signature through
3 the electronic voter registration interface and must assent to the
4 use of this signature image as the applicant's signature for voter
5 registration purposes. The secretary of state shall develop a
6 process for a voter registration applicant under subsection (5) to
7 electronically submit a high-quality digitized image of the
8 applicant's signature through the electronic voter registration
9 interface, as well as a process for transmitting the digitized
10 image of that applicant's signature to the qualified voter file.

11 (7) ~~(4)~~—If an elector utilizes the electronic voter
12 registration interface to indicate a change of address, the state
13 bureau of elections shall send a ~~confirmation~~ notice **confirming the**
14 **change** to the elector's previous address.

15 ~~(5) An individual is not permitted to use the electronic voter~~
16 ~~registration interface if the individual meets any of the following~~
17 ~~conditions:~~

18 ~~(a) The individual ordered a duplicate of an operator's or~~
19 ~~chauffeur's license, an enhanced driver license, an official state~~
20 ~~personal identification card, or an enhanced official state~~
21 ~~personal identification card the same day as submitting an~~
22 ~~electronic voter registration application.~~

23 ~~(b) The individual submitted a change of address for an~~
24 ~~operator's or chauffeur's license, an enhanced driver license, an~~
25 ~~official state personal identification card, or an enhanced~~
26 ~~official state personal identification card within the 10 days~~
27 ~~before submitting an electronic voter registration application.~~

28 ~~(c) The individual has an expired operator's or chauffeur's~~
29 ~~license, an expired enhanced driver license, an expired official~~

1 ~~state personal identification card, or an expired enhanced official~~
2 ~~state personal identification card.~~

3 (8) A registered elector who wishes to provide a new or
4 additional signature for the registered elector's registration
5 record may utilize the electronic voter registration interface to
6 electronically submit an image of the registered elector's
7 signature and assent to the use of that signature image as the
8 registered elector's signature for voter registration purposes. The
9 registered elector must have the registered elector's identity
10 authenticated under the procedures in subsection (4)(b) or (5)(a)
11 before the image of the registered elector's signature is accepted
12 for inclusion in the qualified voter file. The registered elector
13 shall submit the image of the registered elector's signature using
14 the process developed by the secretary of state under subsection
15 (6).

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect June 30,
17 2025.