

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.509r Qualified voter file; establishment and maintenance of computer system and programs; access; verification of accuracy; compilation of electors; sources; person whose name does not appear in file; requirements; adding, deleting, or changing information; inactive voter file.

Sec. 509r. (1) The secretary of state shall establish and maintain the computer system and programs necessary to the operation of the qualified voter file. The secretary of state shall allow each county, city, township, or village access to the qualified voter file. The county, city, township, and village clerks shall verify the accuracy of the names and addresses of registered voters in the qualified voter file.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the secretary of state and county, city, township, and village clerks shall compile the qualified voter file that consists of all qualified electors from the following sources and in the following priority:

(a) A driver's license or, if there is no driver's license, a state personal identification card, including renewals and changes of address with the department of state.

(b) An application for benefits or services, including renewals and changes of address, taken by a designated voter registration agency.

(c) An application to register to vote taken by a county, city, township, or village clerk.

(3) A person whose name does not otherwise appear in the qualified voter file shall be placed in the qualified voter file only if the person signs under penalty of perjury an application that contains an attestation that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Is 17-1/2 years of age or older.

(b) Is a citizen of the United States and this state.

(c) Is a resident of the city or township where the person's street address is located.

(4) A designated voter registration agency or a county, city, township, or village clerk shall not add to, delete from, or change any information contained in the qualified voter file during the period beginning on the seventh day before an election and ending on the day of the election.

(5) The secretary of state shall create an inactive voter file.

(6) If a voter is sent a notice under section 509aa to confirm the voter's residence information or if a voter does not vote for 6 consecutive years, the secretary of state shall place the registration record of that voter in the inactive voter file. The registration record of that voter shall remain in the inactive voter file until 1 of the following occurs:

(a) The voter votes at an election.

(b) The voter responds to a notice sent under section 509aa.

(c) Another voter registration transaction involving that voter occurs.

(7) While the registration record of a voter is in the inactive voter file, the voter remains eligible to vote and his or her name shall appear on the precinct voter registration list.

(8) If the registration record of a voter is in the inactive voter file because the voter was sent a notice under section 509aa to confirm the voter's residence information and that voter votes at an election by absent voter ballot, that absent voter ballot shall be marked in the same manner as a challenged ballot as provided in section 727.

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