

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5456

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  
7 ELECTOR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.

8           (3) IF A CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK MAINTAINS A PERMANENT ABSENT

1 VOTER LIST ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT  
2 THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK MAY CONTINUE TO  
3 MAINTAIN THAT LIST AS ITS PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST.

4 (4) EACH VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION PRODUCED BY THE STATE  
5 OF MICHIGAN SHALL INCLUDE A SPACE FOR THE ELECTOR TO MARK IF THE  
6 ELECTOR WISHES TO BE LISTED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST OF  
7 THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH THE ELECTOR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE. IN  
8 ADDITION, EACH ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION AS PRESCRIBED UNDER  
9 SECTION 759 AND DISTRIBUTED BY A COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE  
10 CLERK SHALL INCLUDE A SPACE FOR THE ELECTOR TO MARK IF THE ELECTOR  
11 WISHES TO BE LISTED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST OF THE CITY  
12 OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH THE ELECTOR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.

13 (5) IN ADDITION TO SUBSECTION (4), A QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED  
14 ELECTOR MAY REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST  
15 OF THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH THE ELECTOR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.  
16 A REQUEST BY AN ELECTOR UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE TO THE  
17 CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE, FACSIMILE  
18 COMMUNICATION, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR FIRST-CLASS MAIL.

19 (6) THE REQUEST OF EACH REGISTERED AND QUALIFIED ELECTOR TO BE  
20 PLACED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST SHALL BE ENTERED IN THE  
21 QUALIFIED VOTER FILE IN THE SAME MANNER AS DATA ARE ENTERED FOR A  
22 NEW ELECTOR.

23 (7) THE COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE CLERK RESPONSIBLE  
24 FOR ISSUING ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS FOR AN ELECTION SHALL SEND TO EACH  
25 ELECTOR ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST AN APPLICATION FOR AN  
26 ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION.

27 (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 SHALL 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 SHALL AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUE AND  
12 THE ELECTOR SHALL BE LISTED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST OF  
13 THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH THE ELECTOR IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.