SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4567

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"

by amending section 497 (MCL 168.497), as amended by 2018 PA 603.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 497. (1) An individual who is not registered to vote but
- 2 possesses the qualifications of an elector as provided in section
- 3 492 may apply for registration to the clerk of the county,
- 4 township, or city in which he or she the individual resides in
- 5 person, during the clerk's regular business hours, or by mail or
- 6 online until the fifteenth day before an election.
- 7 (2) An individual who is not registered to vote but possesses
- 8 the qualifications of an elector as provided in section 492 or an
- 9 individual who is not registered to vote in the city or township in

- 1 which he or she the individual is registering to vote may apply for
- 2 registration in person at the city or township clerk's office of
- 3 the city or township in which he or she the individual resides from
- 4 the fourteenth day before an election and continuing through the
- 5 day of the election. An individual who applies to register to vote
- 6 under this subsection must provide to the city or township clerk
- 7 proof of residency in that city or township. For purposes of this
- 8 subsection, "proof of residency" includes, subject to subsection
- 9 (3), any of the following:
- 10 (a) An operator's or chauffeur's license issued under the
- 11 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or an
- 12 enhanced driver license issued under the enhanced driver license
- 13 and enhanced official state personal identification card act, 2008
- **14** PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.
- 15 (b) An official state personal identification card issued
- 16 under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300, or an enhanced official
- 17 state personal identification card issued under the enhanced driver
- 18 license and enhanced official state personal identification card
- 19 act, 2008 PA 23, MCL 28.301 to 28.308.
- 20 (3) If an applicant for voter registration under subsection
- 21 (2) does not have proof of residency as that term is defined in
- 22 subsection (2), the applicant may provide as his or her the
- 23 applicant's proof of residency any other form of identification for
- 24 election purposes as that term is defined in section 2 and 1 of the
- 25 following documents that contains the applicant's name and current
- 26 residence address:
- 27 (a) A current utility bill.
- 28 (b) A current bank statement.
- 29 (c) A current paycheck, government check, or other government

- 1 document.
- 2 (4) If an applicant for voter registration under subsection
- 3 (2) does not have identification for election purposes, the
- 4 applicant may register to vote if he or she the applicant signs an
- 5 affidavit indicating that the applicant does not have
- 6 identification for election purposes and the applicant provides 1
- 7 of the following documents that contains the applicant's name and
- 8 current residence address:
- 9 (a) A current utility bill.
- 10 (b) A current bank statement.
- 11 (c) A current paycheck, government check, or other government
 12 document.
- 13 (5) Immediately after approving a voter registration
- 14 application, the city or township clerk shall provide to the
- 15 individual registering to vote a voter registration receipt that is
- 16 in a form as approved by the secretary of state. If an individual
- 17 registers to vote in person 14 days or less before an election or
- 18 registers to vote on election day, and that applicant registers to
- 19 vote under subsection (3) or (4), the ballot of that elector must
- 20 be prepared as a challenged ballot as provided in section 727 and
- 21 must be counted as any other ballot is counted unless determined
- 22 otherwise by a court of law under section 747 or 748 or any other
- 23 applicable law.
- 24 (6) Except as otherwise provided in sections 500a to 500e and
- 25 509v, an application for registration must not be executed at a
- 26 place other than the office of the county, township, or city clerk
- 27 or a public place or places designated by the clerk or deputy
- 28 registrar for receiving registrations, but the clerk or deputy
- 29 registrar may receive an application wherever he or she the clerk

- 1 or deputy registrar may be. If a county, township, or city clerk
- 2 does not regularly keep his or her the clerk's office open daily
- 3 during certain hours, the clerk is not required to be at his or her
- 4 the clerk's office for the purpose of receiving applications for
- 5 registration on a particular day nor during specific hours of a
- 6 day, except as provided in section 498. If an individual registers
- 7 to vote with the secretary of state during the 14 days before the
- 8 day of an election by mail, online, or by automatic voter
- 9 registration, as described in section 493a, the individual must be
- 10 given a notice on a form developed by the secretary of state
- 11 informing the individual that he or she the individual is not
- 12 eligible to vote in the next election unless he or she the
- 13 individual applies in person at his or her the individual's city or
- 14 township clerk's office as provided in subsection (2). Except as
- 15 provided in sections 500a to 500e, the provisions of this section
- 16 relating to registration apply.