

SENATE BILL NO. 313

March 24, 2021, Introduced by Senator WOJNO and referred to the Committee on Elections.

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

28 (8) A qualified and registered elector may request to be
29 removed from the permanent absent voter list of the city or

1 township. A request by an elector under this subsection must be
2 made to the city or township clerk in person or by telephone,
3 facsimile communication, email, or first-class mail.

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

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