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2 HB 2332 - S AMD 815

3 By Senators Keiser and Gardner

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that national  
8 task forces studying election issues have identified statewide voter  
9 registration systems as important tools for protecting the integrity of  
10 elections, and it is likely that federal funds will be made available  
11 for states that employ statewide voter registration systems.  
12 Therefore, the legislature finds a need for the state of Washington to  
13 begin the process of creating such a system.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29.04 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The office of the secretary of state shall work in conjunction  
17 with the county auditors of the state of Washington to initiate the  
18 creation of a statewide voter registration data base. The secretary of  
19 state shall identify a group of voter registration experts whose  
20 responsibility will be to work on a design for the voter registration  
21 data base system. The secretary of state shall report back the  
22 findings of this group to the legislature no later than February 1,  
23 2003.

24 (2) Among the intended goals the voter registration data base must  
25 be designed to accomplish at a minimum, are the following:

- 26 (a) Identify duplicate voter registrations;
- 27 (b) Identify suspected duplicate voters;
- 28 (c) Screen against the department of corrections data base to aid  
29 in the cancellation of voter registration of felons;
- 30 (d) Provide up-to-date signatures of voters for the purposes of  
31 initiative signature checking;
- 32 (e) Provide for a comparison between the voter registration data  
33 base and the department of licensing change of address data base;

1 (f) Provide online access for county auditors with the goal of real  
2 time duplicate checking and update capabilities, if sufficient funds  
3 are available;

4 (g) Provide for the cancellation of voter registration for persons  
5 who have moved to other states and surrendered their Washington state  
6 drivers' licenses;

7 (h) Ensure that each county shall maintain legal control of the  
8 registration records for that county.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.07.025 and 1994 c 57 s 10 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1) Each state agency designated under RCW 29.07.420 shall provide  
12 voter registration services for employees and the public within each  
13 office of that agency.

14 (2) The secretary of state shall design and provide a standard  
15 notice informing the public of the availability of voter registration,  
16 which notice shall be posted in each state agency where such services  
17 are available.

18 (3) The secretary of state shall design and provide standard voter  
19 registration forms for use by these state agencies.

20 (4) Each institution of higher education shall put in place an  
21 active prompt on its course registration web site, or similar web site  
22 that students actively and regularly use, that, if selected, will link  
23 the student to the secretary of state's voter registration web site.  
24 The prompt must ask the student if he or she wishes to register to  
25 vote.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are necessary  
27 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety,  
28 or support of the state government and its existing public  
29 institutions, and take effect May 1, 2002.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire January  
31 1, 2005."

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4 In line 1 of the title, after "base;" strike the remainder of the  
5 title and insert "amending RCW 29.07.025; adding a new section to  
6 chapter 29.04 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date;  
7 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

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