

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2332**

57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 12, 2002  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2002  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2332** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Romero, McDermott, D. Schmidt, Woods, Ruderman, Miloscia, Esser and Kagi; by request of Secretary of State

Read first time 01/15/2002. Referred to Committee on State Government.

1            AN ACT Relating to a statewide voter registration data base;  
2 amending RCW 29.07.025; adding a new section to chapter 29.04 RCW;  
3 creating a new section; providing an effective date; providing an  
4 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

15           (1) The office of the secretary of state shall work in conjunction  
16 with the county auditors of the state of Washington to initiate the  
17 creation of a statewide voter registration data base. The secretary of  
18 state shall identify a group of voter registration experts whose

1 responsibility will be to work on a design for the voter registration  
2 data base system. The secretary of state shall report back the  
3 findings of this group to the legislature no later than February 1,  
4 2003.

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

7 (a) Identify duplicate voter registrations;

8 (b) Identify suspected duplicate voters;

9 (c) Screen against the department of corrections data base to aid  
10 in the cancellation of voter registration of felons;

11 (d) Provide up-to-date signatures of voters for the purposes of  
12 initiative signature checking;

13 (e) Provide for a comparison between the voter registration data  
14 base and the department of licensing change of address data base;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (4) Each institution of higher education shall put in place an  
35 active prompt on its course registration web site, or similar web site  
36 that students actively and regularly use, that, if selected, will link  
37 the student to the secretary of state's voter registration web site.

1 The prompt must ask the student if he or she wishes to register to  
2 vote.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire January  
8 1, 2005.

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