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SENATE BILL 5293

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to voter registration; and amending RCW 29.08.080  
2 and 46.20.155.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.08.080 and 1999 c 298 s 7 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The secretary of state shall furnish registration forms necessary  
7 to carry out the registration of voters as provided by this chapter  
8 without cost to the respective counties. All voter registration forms  
9 printed after the effective date of this act must include clear and  
10 conspicuous language, designed to draw an applicant's attention,  
11 stating that only citizens of the United States may register to vote.  
12 Similar language must be stamped conspicuously onto existing voter  
13 registration forms in the possession of the office of the secretary of  
14 state.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.155 and 1990 c 143 s 6 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 Before issuing an original license or identification card or  
18 renewing a license or identification card under this chapter, the

1 licensing agent shall determine if the applicant wants to register to  
2 vote or transfer his or her voter registration by asking the following  
3 two questions:

4 First: "Do you want to register to vote or transfer your voter  
5 registration?"

6 Second: "Are you a United States citizen?".

7 If the applicant (~~((chooses to register or transfer a registration))~~)  
8 responds in the affirmative to both questions, the agent shall provide  
9 the applicant with a voter registration form and instructions and shall  
10 record that the applicant has requested to register to vote or transfer  
11 a voter registration.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its  
13 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
14 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
15 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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