

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2332

Chapter 185, Laws of 2002

(partial veto)

57th Legislature
2002 Regular Session

VOTER REGISTRATION--INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/13/02

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

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 27, 2002, with the
exception of sections 1, 2, 4 and 5,
which are vetoed.

GARY LOCKE
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.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

Chief Clerk

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March 27, 2002 - 9:05 a.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

HOUSE BILL 2332

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2002 Regular Session

State of Washington 57th Legislature 2002 Regular Session

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 **Sec. 1 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

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*

1 state shall identify a group of voter registration experts whose
2 responsibility will be to work on a design for the voter registration
3 data base system. The secretary of state shall report back the
4 findings of this group to the legislature no later than February 1,
5 2003.

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

8 (a) Identify duplicate voter registrations;

9 (b) Identify suspected duplicate voters;

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 *Sec. 2 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

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

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

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

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

36 (4) Each institution of higher education shall put in place an
37 active prompt on its course registration web site, or similar web site
38 that students actively and regularly use, that, if selected, will link

1 the student to the secretary of state's voter registration web site.
2 The prompt must ask the student if he or she wishes to register to
3 vote.

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

8 *Sec. 4 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

9 ****NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire January***
10 *1, 2005.*

11 *Sec. 5 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

Passed the House March 12, 2002.

Passed the Senate March 8, 2002.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 2002, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 27, 2002.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 1, 2,
3 4 and 5, House Bill No. 2332 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to a statewide voter registration data base;"

5 House Bill No. 2332 requires colleges and universities to place on
6 their course registration web sites a link to the secretary of state's
7 voter registration web site.

8 Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of this bill are identical to and
9 duplicative of provisions of Senate Bill No. 6324, which I signed into
10 law on March 12, 2002.

11 For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of House
12 Bill No. 2332.

13 With the exception of sections 1, 2, 4 and 5, House Bill No. 2332
14 is approved."