

SHB 1529 - H AMD 1035

By Representative Chandler

1 On page 5, after line 13, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 29A.08.010 and 2006 c 320 s 2 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 As used in this chapter: "Information required for voter
5 registration" means the minimum information provided on a voter
6 registration application that is required by the county auditor in
7 order to place a voter registration applicant on the voter
8 registration rolls. This information includes:

9 (1) Name;

10 (2) Residential address;

11 (3) Date of birth;

12 (4) Washington state driver's license number or Washington
13 state identification card number, or the last four digits of the
14 applicant's Social Security number if the applicant does not have
15 a Washington state driver's license or Washington state
16 identification card;

17 (5) A signature attesting to the truth of the information
18 provided on the application; (~~and~~))

19 (6) A check or indication in the box confirming the individual
20 is a United States citizen; and

21 (7) A check or indication in the box confirming that the
22 individual has not been convicted of a felony and, if the
23 individual has been convicted of a felony, that voting rights have
24 been restored.

25 The residential address provided must identify the actual
26 physical residence of the voter in Washington, as defined in RCW
27 29A.04.151, with detail sufficient to allow the voter to be
28 assigned to the proper precinct and to locate the voter to confirm
29 his or her residence for purposes of verifying qualification to
30 vote under Article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution. A
31 residential address may be either a traditional address or a

1 nontraditional address. A traditional address consists of a street
2 number and name, optional apartment number or unit number, and city
3 or town, as assigned by a local government, which serves to
4 identify the parcel or building of residence and the unit if a
5 multiunit residence. A nontraditional address consists of a
6 narrative description of the location of the voter's residence, and
7 may be used when a traditional address has not been assigned to the
8 voter's residence. If the postal service does not deliver mail to
9 the voter's residential address, or the voter prefers to receive
10 mail at a different address, the voter may separately provide the
11 mailing address at which they receive mail. Any mailing address
12 provided shall be used only for mail delivery purposes and not for
13 precinct assignment or confirmation of residence for voter
14 qualification purposes.

15 If the individual does not have a driver's license, state
16 identification card, or Social Security number, the registrant must
17 be issued a unique voter registration number in order to be placed
18 on the voter registration rolls. All other information supplied is
19 ancillary and not to be used as grounds for not registering an
20 applicant to vote. Modification of the language of the official
21 Washington state voter registration form by the voter will not be
22 accepted and will cause the rejection of the registrant's
23 application.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.110 and 2005 c 246 s 5 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) An application is considered complete only if it contains
27 the applicant's name, complete valid residence address, date of
28 birth, signature attesting to the truth of the information
29 provided, a mark in the check-off box confirming United States
30 citizenship, a mark in the check-off box confirming no felony
31 conviction or, if the applicant has a felony conviction, proof of
32 restoration of voting rights, and an indication that the provided
33 driver's license number, state identification card number, or
34 Social Security number has been confirmed by the secretary of
35 state. If it is not complete, the auditor shall promptly mail a
36 verification notice of the deficiency to the applicant. This
37 verification notice shall require the applicant to provide the
38 missing information. If the verification notice is not returned by

1 the applicant within forty-five days or is returned as
2 undeliverable, the name of the applicant shall not be placed on the
3 official list of registered voters. If the applicant provides the
4 required verified information, the applicant shall be registered to
5 vote as of the original date of mailing or date of delivery,
6 whichever is applicable.

7 (2) If the information required in subsection (1) of this
8 section is complete, the applicant is considered to be registered
9 to vote as of the original date of mailing or date of delivery,
10 whichever is applicable. The auditor shall record the appropriate
11 precinct identification, taxing district identification, and date
12 of registration on the voter's record in the state voter
13 registration list. Within forty-five days after the receipt of an
14 application but no later than seven days before the next primary,
15 special election, or general election, the auditor shall send to
16 the applicant, by first- class mail, an acknowledgement notice
17 identifying the registrant's precinct and containing such other
18 information as may be required by the secretary of state. The
19 postal service shall be instructed not to forward a voter
20 registration card to any other address and to return to the auditor
21 any card which is not deliverable.

22 (3) If an acknowledgement notice card is properly mailed as
23 required by this section to the address listed by the voter as
24 being the voter's mailing address and the notice is subsequently
25 returned to the auditor by the postal service as being
26 undeliverable to the voter at that address, the auditor shall
27 promptly send the voter a confirmation notice. The auditor shall
28 place the voter's registration on inactive status pending a
29 response from the voter to the confirmation notice."

30 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
31 references accordingly.

32 On page 8, after line 9, insert the following:

33 "**Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.08.210 and 2005 c 246 s 11 are each amended
34 to read as follows:

35 An applicant for voter registration shall complete an
36 application providing the following information concerning his or
37 her qualifications as a voter in this state:

1 (1) The address of the last former registration of the
2 applicant as a voter in the state;

3 (2) The applicant's full name;

4 (3) The applicant's date of birth;

5 (4) The address of the applicant's residence for voting
6 purposes;

7 (5) The mailing address of the applicant if that address is not
8 the same as the address in subsection (4) of this section;

9 (6) The sex of the applicant;

10 (7) The applicant's Washington state driver's license number or
11 Washington state identification card number, or the last four
12 digits of the applicant's Social Security number if he or she does
13 not have a Washington state driver's license or Washington state
14 identification card;

15 (8) A check box for the applicant to indicate that he or she
16 does not have a Washington state driver's license, Washington state
17 identification card, or Social Security number;

18 (9) A check box allowing the applicant to indicate that he or
19 she is a member of the armed forces, national guard, or reserves,
20 or that he or she is an overseas voter;

21 (10) A check box allowing the applicant to confirm that he or
22 she is at least eighteen years of age;

23 (11) A check box allowing the applicant to indicate whether he
24 or she has ever been convicted of a felony;

25 (12) Clear and conspicuous language, designed to draw the
26 applicant's attention, stating that the applicant must be a United
27 States citizen in order to register to vote;

28 ~~((+12))~~ (13) A check box and declaration confirming that the
29 applicant is a citizen of the United States;

30 ~~((+13))~~ (14) The following warning:

31 "If you knowingly provide false information on this voter
32 registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your
33 qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a
34 class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five
35 years, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both."

36 ~~((+14))~~ (15) The following affirmation by the applicant:

37 "By signing this document, I hereby assert, under penalty of
38 perjury, that I am legally eligible to vote. If I am found to have
39 voted illegally, I may be prosecuted and/or fined for this illegal

1 act. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that my name and last known
2 address will be forwarded to the appropriate state and/or federal
3 authorities if I am found to have voted illegally."

4 ((+15)) (16) The oath required by RCW 29A.08.230 and a space
5 for the applicant's signature; and

6 ((+16)) (17) Any other information that the secretary of state
7 determines is necessary to establish the identity of the applicant
8 and prevent duplicate or fraudulent voter registrations.

9 This information shall be recorded on a single registration
10 form to be prescribed by the secretary of state.

11 If the applicant fails to provide the information required for
12 voter registration, the auditor shall send the applicant a
13 verification notice. The applicant may not be registered until the
14 required information is provided. If a verification notice is
15 returned as undeliverable or the applicant fails to respond to the
16 notice within forty-five days, the applicant shall not be
17 registered to vote."

18 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
19 references accordingly.

20 On page 21, after line 14, insert the following:

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** Sections 2, 3, and 7 of this act take
22 effect January 1, 2009."

23 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires that an application for voter registration
must contain a check-off box for the applicant to confirm that
he or she has not been convicted of a felony. If indication is
made that a felony conviction has occurred, the application may
not be processed unless proof of restoration of voting rights
is presented. Those sections of the bill pertaining new
information required on a voter registration application take
effect January 1, 2009.