<u>SHB 2612</u> - H AMD 991 By Representative Anderson

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.08.210 and 2009 c 369 s 16 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 An applicant for voter registration shall complete an application 6 providing the following information concerning his or her 7 qualifications as a voter in this state:

8 (1) The former address of the applicant if previously registered9 to vote;

10 (2) The applicant's full name;

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

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

13 (5) The mailing address of the applicant if that address is not 14 the same as the address in subsection (4) of this section;

15 (6) The sex of the applicant;

16 (7) The applicant's Washington state driver's license number, 17 Washington state identification card number, or the last four digits 18 of the applicant's social security number if he or she does not have a 19 Washington state driver's license or Washington state identification 20 card;

21 (8) A check box allowing the applicant to indicate that he or she 22 is a member of the armed forces, national guard, or reserves, or that 23 he or she is an overseas voter;

(9) A check box allowing the applicant to confirm that he or she is at least eighteen years of age or will be eighteen years of age by the next election;

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1 (10) Clear and conspicuous language, designed to draw the 2 applicant's attention, stating that the applicant must be a United 3 States citizen in order to register to vote;

4 (11) A check box and declaration confirming that the applicant is 5 a citizen of the United States;

6 (12) <u>An applicant must provide the county auditor with documented</u>
7 proof of citizenship before he or she may be allowed to register.
8 Documented proof of citizenship includes:

9 (a) A driver's license number or government issued identification 10 if citizenship is indicated:

11 (b) A photocopy of a birth certificate;

12 (c) A passport; or

13 (d) Naturalization documents or a certificate of naturalization;

14 (13) The following warning:

15 "If you knowingly provide false information on this voter 16 registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your 17 qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a class 18 C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, a 19 fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both."

20 (((13))) <u>(14)</u> The oath required by RCW 29A.08.230 and a space for 21 the applicant's signature; and

22 (((14))) (15) Any other information that the secretary of state 23 determines is necessary to establish the identity of the applicant and 24 prevent duplicate or fraudulent voter registrations.

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

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29 Sec. 2. RCW 29A.08.330 and 2009 c 369 s 20 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

31 (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the method of voter 32 registration for each designated agency. The agency shall use either 33 the state voter registration by mail form with a separate declination 34 form for the applicant to indicate that he or she declines to register

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at this time, or the agency may use a separate form approved for use
 by the secretary of state.

3 (2) The person providing service at the agency shall offer voter 4 registration services to every client whenever he or she applies for 5 service or assistance and with each renewal, recertification, or 6 change of address. The person providing service shall give the 7 applicant the same level of assistance with the voter registration 8 application as is offered to fill out the agency's forms and 9 documents, including information about age and citizenship 10 requirements for voter registration.

11 (3) The person providing service at the agency shall determine if 12 the prospective applicant wants to register to vote or transfer his or 13 her voter registration by asking the following question:

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15 "Do you want to register to vote or transfer your voter 16 registration?"

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18 If the applicant chooses to register or transfer a registration, 19 the service agent shall ask the following:

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21 (a) "Are you a United States citizen?"

(b) "Are you or will you be eighteen years of age on or before the 23 next election?"

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25 <u>(4)</u> If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions, 26 the agent shall then <u>ask the applicant to provide documented proof of</u> 27 <u>citizenship before providing the applicant with a voter registration</u> 28 <u>form. Documented proof of citizenship includes:</u>

29 (a) A driver's license number or government issued identification

30 <u>if citizenship is indicated;</u>

31 (b) A photocoypy of a birth certificate;

32 (c) A passport; or

33 (d) Naturalization documents or a certificate of naturalization.

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1 (5) If the applicant provides sufficient proof of citizenship, 2 the agent shall then provide the applicant with a voter registration 3 form and instructions and shall record that the applicant has 4 requested to register to vote or transfer a voter registration. If 5 the applicant answers in the negative to either question, the agent 6 shall not provide the applicant with a voter registration form.

7 (((4))) <u>(6)</u> If an agency uses a computerized application process, 8 it may, in consultation with the secretary of state, develop methods 9 to capture simultaneously the information required for voter 10 registration during a person's computerized application process.

11 (((5))) (7) Each designated agency shall transmit the applications 12 to the secretary of state or appropriate county auditor within three 13 business days.

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16 [**Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.155 and 2009 c 369 s 42 are each amended to 17 read as follows:

18 (1) Before issuing an original license or identicard or renewing a 19 license or identicard under this chapter, the licensing agent shall 20 determine if the applicant wants to register to vote or transfer his 21 or her voter registration by asking the following question:

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23 "Do you want to register to vote or transfer your voter 24 registration?"

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26 If the applicant chooses to register or transfer a registration, 27 the agent shall ask the following:

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29 (((1)))(a) "Are you a United States citizen?"

30 (((2)))<u>(b)</u> "Are you or will you be eighteen years of age on or 31 before the next election?"

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33 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions, the 34 agent shall then request to see documented proof as required in 2612-S AMH ANDG CLYN 377 Official Print - 4

1 subsection (2) and if such documentation is provided the agent shall 2 submit the registration or transfer. If the applicant answers in the 3 negative to either question, or does not provide the required proof of 4 citizenship, the agent shall not submit a voter registration 5 application. 6 (2) An applicant must provide documented proof of citizenship 7 before he or she may be allowed to register. Documented proof of 8 citizenship includes: (a) A driver's license number or government issued identification 9 10 if citizenship is indicated; (b) A photocopy of a birth certificate; 11 12 (c) A passport; or 13 (d) Naturalization documents or a certificate of naturalization. (3) The department shall establish a procedure that substantially 14 15 meets the requirements of subsection (1) of this section when 16 permitting an applicant to renew a license or identicard by mail or by 17 electronic commerce." 18 Correct the title. 19 20

<u>EFFECT:</u> Requires applicants for voter registration to provide specified documentation proving United States citizenship.

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