

3SSB 6353 - S AMD 431
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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 A person age eighteen years or older who is a citizen of the
6 United States applying for or renewing an enhanced driver's license
7 or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 may be registered to vote or
8 update voter registration information at the time of registration or
9 renewal, by automated process if the department of licensing record
10 associated with the applicant verifies United States citizenship,
11 contains the data required for voter registration under RCW
12 29A.08.010, and includes a signature image. The person must be
13 informed that his or her record will be used for voter registration,
14 and offered an opportunity to decline to register.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) If the applicant in section 1 of this act does not decline
18 registration, the application is submitted pursuant to RCW
19 29A.08.340.

20 (2) For each such application, the secretary of state must obtain
21 a digital copy of the applicant's signature image from the department
22 of licensing.

23 (3) The secretary of state may employ additional security
24 measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter registration
25 applications submitted electronically.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) For persons age eighteen years and older registering under
29 section 1 of this act, an application is considered complete only if
30 it contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and

1 citizenship information. The applicant is considered to be registered
2 to vote as of the original date of application or renewal of an
3 enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard issued under RCW
4 46.20.202. The auditor shall record the appropriate precinct
5 identification, taxing district identification, and date of
6 registration on the voter's record in the state voter registration
7 list. Any mailing address provided shall be used only for mail
8 delivery purposes, and not for precinct assignment or residency
9 purposes. Within sixty days after the receipt of an application or
10 transfer, the auditor shall send to the applicant, by first-class
11 nonforwardable mail, an acknowledgment notice identifying the
12 registrant's precinct and containing such other information as may be
13 required by the secretary of state. The United States postal service
14 shall be instructed not to forward a voter registration card to any
15 other address and to return to the auditor any card which is not
16 deliverable.

17 (2) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall promptly
18 mail a verification notice to the applicant. The verification notice
19 shall require the applicant to provide the missing information. If
20 the applicant provides the required information within forty-five
21 days, the applicant shall be registered to vote as of the original
22 date of application. The applicant shall not be placed on the
23 official list of registered voters until the application is complete.

24 (3) If the prospective registration applicant declines to
25 register to vote or the information provided by the department of
26 licensing does not indicate citizenship, the information shall not be
27 included on the list of registered voters.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 For persons eighteen years of age or older who the department has
31 determined are citizens of the United States and who are applying for
32 or renewing an enhanced driver's license or identicard under RCW
33 46.20.202, and have not declined to register to vote, the department
34 shall produce and transmit to the secretary of state the following
35 information from the records of each individual: The name, address,
36 date of birth, gender of the applicant, the driver's license number,
37 signature image, citizenship, and the date on which the application
38 was submitted. The department and the secretary of state shall
39 process information as an automated application on a daily basis.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.08.350 and 2013 c 11 s 18 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The department of licensing shall produce and transmit to the
4 secretary of state the following information from the records of each
5 individual who requested a voter registration or update at a driver's
6 license facility: The name, address, date of birth, gender of the
7 applicant, the driver's license number, signature image, citizenship,
8 and the date on which the application for voter registration or
9 update was submitted. The secretary of state shall process the
10 registrations and updates as an electronic application.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect July 1, 2019."

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12 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "vote;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 29A.08.350; adding
14 new sections to chapter 29A.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
15 46.20 RCW; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: (1) Removes automatic voter registration at the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Military Department, the business professions division of the Department of Licensing (DOL), and social services agencies.

(2) Removes automatic transfer of voter registration information from the Health Benefit Exchange to the Secretary of State for clients who opt in.

(3) Requires DOL to transmit citizenship information to the Secretary of State for applicants who wish to be registered to vote automatically.

(4) Removes study of automatic voter registration at birth and of recently naturalized citizens.

(5) Removes requirement for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Military Department, the business professions division of the Department of Licensing (DOL), and social services agencies to transfer information of past clients to the Secretary of State for automatic voter registration purposes.

(6) Restores disclosure of the month and day of a registered voter's birth.

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