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1 AN ACT Relating to collecting youth voter registration sign up
2 information; amending RCW 46.20.155, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.210,
3 28A.230.150, 29A.08.710, 29A.08.810, 29A.08.110, 29A.08.720,
4 29A.08.760, 29A.84.140, 29A.08.125, and 29A.08.615; reenacting and
5 amending RCW 42.56.230; adding new sections to chapter 29A.08 RCW;
6 creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature is committed to granting
9 equal access to voter registration for all voters. The legislature
10 recognizes the importance of fostering lifelong civic participation.
11 Currently, many young people are denied access to the most popular
12 form of voter registration, motor voter. If a young person obtains a
13 driver's license at the age of sixteen or seventeen, they may not
14 register to vote. Denial of motor voter to so many young voters has
15 contributed to lower voter registration levels in the youngest voter
16 age groups. In Washington, according to 2016 United States census
17 bureau statistics, only twenty-one percent of eligible citizens
18 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four are registered to vote.
19 Studies show that young adults who vote are likely to continue to do
20 so throughout adulthood. The legislature recognizes that these
21 representational disparities in registration rates and voting rates

1 within the youth electorate will improve by enacting election
2 policies that engage all young citizens. Therefore, the legislature
3 declares that this act, allowing eligible youth at least sixteen
4 years of age to preregister to vote, is intended to increase voter
5 turnout in young adults.

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

8 (1) A person may sign up to register to vote at the department of
9 licensing if he or she is sixteen or seventeen years of age.

10 (2) A person may sign up to register to vote at all other
11 locations and through electronic means if he or she is sixteen or
12 seventeen years of age.

13 (3) A person who signs up to vote may not vote until he or she is
14 eighteen years of age, and his or her name may not be added to the
15 statewide voter registration database until such time as he or she
16 will be eighteen years of age before the next election.

17 (4) For the purposes of this section and RCW 28A.230.150,
18 29A.08.330, 29A.08.710, 42.56.230, and 46.20.155, "sign up" means the
19 act of providing information relevant to eventual official voter
20 registration at age eighteen, prior to official registration at age
21 eighteen.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.155 and 2013 c 11 s 90 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) Before issuing an original license or identicard or renewing
25 a license or identicard under this chapter, the licensing agent shall
26 determine if the applicant wants to register to vote or update his or
27 her voter registration by asking the following question:

28 "Do you want to sign up to register to vote, register to vote, or
29 update your voter registration?"

30 If the applicant chooses to sign up to register to vote, register
31 to vote, or update a voter registration, the agent shall ask the
32 following:

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

34 (2) "Are you ((~~or will you be eighteen~~)) at least sixteen years
35 of age ((~~on or before the next election~~))?"

1 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,
2 the agent shall then submit the sign up, registration, or information
3 update. If the applicant answers in the negative to either question,
4 the agent shall not submit (~~(a voter registration)~~) an application.
5 Information provided for persons under eighteen years of age under
6 this section is exempt from public inspection and copying under
7 chapter 42.56 RCW.

8 (2) The department shall establish a procedure that substantially
9 meets the requirements of subsection (1) of this section when
10 permitting an applicant to renew a license or identicard by mail or
11 by electronic commerce.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section, "sign up" has the
13 definition given in section 2 of this act.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.08.330 and 2013 c 11 s 16 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the method of voter
17 registration for each designated agency. The agency shall use either
18 the state voter registration by mail form with a separate declination
19 form for the applicant to indicate that he or she declines to
20 register at this time, or the agency may use a separate form approved
21 for use by the secretary of state.

22 (2) The person providing service at the agency shall offer voter
23 registration services or voter registration sign up services to every
24 client whenever he or she applies for service or assistance and with
25 each renewal, recertification, or change of address. The person
26 providing service shall give the applicant the same level of
27 assistance with the voter registration application as is offered to
28 fill out the agency's forms and documents, including information
29 about age and citizenship requirements for voter registration.

30 (3) The person providing service at the agency shall determine if
31 the prospective applicant wants to register to vote or update his or
32 her voter registration by asking the following question:

33 "Do you want to sign up to register to vote, register to vote, or
34 update your voter registration?"

35 If the applicant chooses to sign up to register to vote, register
36 to vote, or update a voter registration, the service agent shall ask
37 the following:

- 1 (a) "Are you a United States citizen?"
2 (b) "Are you (~~or will you be eighteen~~) at least sixteen years
3 of age (~~on or before the next election~~)?"

4 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,
5 the agent shall then provide the applicant with a form to sign up to
6 register to vote or a voter registration form and instructions and
7 shall record that the applicant has requested to sign up to register,
8 register, or update a voter registration. If the applicant answers in
9 the negative to either question, the agent shall not provide the
10 applicant with a voter registration form or form to sign up to
11 register to vote. Information provided for persons under eighteen
12 years of age under this section is exempt from public inspection and
13 copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

14 (4) If an agency uses a computerized application process, it may,
15 in consultation with the secretary of state, develop methods to
16 capture simultaneously the information required for voter sign up or
17 registration during a person's computerized application process.

18 (5) Each designated agency shall transmit the applications to the
19 secretary of state or appropriate county auditor within three
20 business days.

21 (6) For the purposes of this section, "sign up" has the
22 definition given in section 2 of this act.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.08.210 and 2009 c 369 s 16 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

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

- 28 (1) The former address of the applicant if previously registered
29 to vote;
30 (2) The applicant's full name;
31 (3) The applicant's date of birth;
32 (4) The address of the applicant's residence for voting purposes;
33 (5) The mailing address of the applicant if that address is not
34 the same as the address in subsection (4) of this section;
35 (6) The sex of the applicant;
36 (7) The applicant's Washington state driver's license number,
37 Washington state identification card number, or the last four digits
38 of the applicant's social security number if he or she does not have

1 a Washington state driver's license or Washington state
2 identification card;

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

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

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

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

14 (12) 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) The oath required by RCW 29A.08.230 and a space for the
21 applicant's signature; and

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

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

27 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.230.150 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.02.090 are
28 each amended to read as follows:

29 (1) On January 16th of each year or the preceding Friday when
30 January 16th falls on a nonschool day, there shall be observed within
31 each public school "Temperance and Good Citizenship Day". Annually
32 the state superintendent of public instruction shall duly prepare and
33 publish for circulation among the teachers of the state a program for
34 use on such day embodying topics pertinent thereto and may from year
35 to year designate particular laws for special observance.

36 (2) Each year on "Temperance and Good Citizenship Day," social
37 studies teachers must, as resources allow, coordinate a voter
38 registration event in each history or social studies class attended

1 by high school seniors. Teachers must make voter sign up and
2 registration available to all students.

3 (3) County auditors may, as resources allow, help coordinate and
4 participate in voter registration events for students on "Temperance
5 and Good Citizenship Day."

6 (4) Each temperance and good citizenship day event must encourage
7 students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of
8 the next general election to register to vote online from the
9 classroom. Students who do not possess a state identicard or driver's
10 license must be provided a paper registration form. The event must
11 include adequate time for students to complete the registration
12 process in class.

13 (5) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation
14 with the secretary of state, must update and distribute youth voter
15 registration materials annually, by December 1st, for eligible
16 students to register to vote at school. Electronic notification of
17 the availability of the materials must be distributed to high school
18 principals and secondary social studies and history teachers.

19 (6) The superintendent of public instruction must consult with
20 the secretary of state to provide registration methods that enable
21 the electronic collection of information on the number of students
22 who registered to vote on "Temperance and Good Citizenship Day," with
23 the goal of achieving at least fifty thousand new voter registrations
24 for seventeen and eighteen year olds annually, beginning in January
25 2018.

26 (7) Beginning March 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the
27 superintendent of public instruction must report on yearly progress
28 toward the goal established in subsection (5) of this section,
29 including the number of seventeen and eighteen year olds registered
30 to vote by county and recommendations for increasing youth voter
31 registration, to the governor and the appropriate standing committees
32 of the legislature in accordance with RCW 43.01.036.

33 (8) For the purposes of this section, "sign up" has the
34 definition given in section 2 of this act.

35 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.56.230 and 2015 c 224 s 2 and 2015 c 47 s 1 are
36 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

37 The following personal information is exempt from public
38 inspection and copying under this chapter:

1 (1) Personal information in any files maintained for students in
2 public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public
3 health agencies, or welfare recipients;

4 (2)(a) Personal information:

5 (i) For a child enrolled in licensed child care in any files
6 maintained by the department of early learning;

7 (ii) For a child enrolled in a public or nonprofit program
8 serving or pertaining to children, adolescents, or students,
9 including but not limited to early learning or child care services,
10 parks and recreation programs, youth development programs, and after-
11 school programs; or

12 (iii) For the family members or guardians of a child who is
13 subject to the exemption under this subsection (2) if the family
14 member or guardian has the same last name (~~(of [as])~~) as the child or
15 if the family member or guardian resides at the same address (~~(of~~
16 ~~[as])~~) as the child and disclosure of the family member's or
17 guardian's information would result in disclosure of the personal
18 information exempted under (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection.

19 (b) Emergency contact information under this subsection (2) may
20 be provided to appropriate authorities and medical personnel for the
21 purpose of treating the individual during an emergency situation;

22 (3) Personal information in files maintained for employees,
23 appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent
24 that disclosure would violate their right to privacy;

25 (4) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the
26 assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the
27 information to other persons would: (a) Be prohibited to such persons
28 by RCW 84.08.210, 82.32.330, 84.40.020, 84.40.340, or any ordinance
29 authorized under RCW 35.102.145; or (b) violate the taxpayer's right
30 to privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the
31 taxpayer;

32 (5) Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, electronic check
33 numbers, card expiration dates, or bank or other financial
34 information as defined in RCW 9.35.005 including social security
35 numbers, except when disclosure is expressly required by or governed
36 by other law;

37 (6) Personal and financial information related to a small loan or
38 any system of authorizing a small loan in RCW 31.45.093;

1 (7)(a) Any record used to prove identity, age, residential
2 address, social security number, or other personal information
3 required to apply for a driver's license or identicard.

4 (b) Information provided under RCW 46.20.111 that indicates that
5 an applicant declined to register with the selective service system.

6 (c) Any record pertaining to a vehicle license plate, driver's
7 license, or identicard issued under RCW 46.08.066 that, alone or in
8 combination with any other records, may reveal the identity of an
9 individual, or reveal that an individual is or was, performing an
10 undercover or covert law enforcement, confidential public health
11 work, public assistance fraud, or child support investigative
12 activity. This exemption does not prevent the release of the total
13 number of vehicle license plates, drivers' licenses, or identicards
14 that, under RCW 46.08.066, an agency or department has applied for,
15 been issued, denied, returned, destroyed, lost, and reported for
16 misuse.

17 (d) Any record pertaining to a vessel registration issued under
18 RCW 88.02.330 that, alone or in combination with any other records,
19 may reveal the identity of an individual, or reveal that an
20 individual is or was, performing an undercover or covert law
21 enforcement activity. This exemption does not prevent the release of
22 the total number of vessel registrations that, under RCW 88.02.330,
23 an agency or department has applied for, been issued, denied,
24 returned, destroyed, lost, and reported for misuse; (~~and~~)

25 (8) All information related to individual claims resolution
26 structured settlement agreements submitted to the board of industrial
27 insurance appeals under RCW 51.04.063, other than final orders from
28 the board of industrial insurance appeals.

29 Upon request by the legislature, the department of licensing
30 shall provide a report to the legislature containing all of the
31 information in subsection (7)(c) and (d) of this section that is
32 subject to public disclosure(~~(-)~~);

33 (9) Voluntarily submitted information contained in a database
34 that is part of or associated with enhanced 911 emergency
35 communications systems, or information contained or used in emergency
36 notification systems as provided under RCW 38.52.575 and 38.52.577;
37 and

38 (10) Information contained in voter sign up records under Title
39 29A RCW and RCW 46.20.155. For the purposes of this subsection, "sign
40 up" has the definition given in section 2 of this act.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 29A.08.710 and 2005 c 246 s 17 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The county auditor shall have custody of the original voter
4 sign up and registration records for each county. The original voter
5 registration form must be filed without regard to precinct and is
6 considered confidential and unavailable for public inspection and
7 copying. An automated file of all registered voters must be
8 maintained pursuant to RCW 29A.08.125. An auditor may maintain the
9 automated file in lieu of filing or maintaining the original voter
10 registration forms if the automated file includes all of the
11 information from the original voter registration forms including, but
12 not limited to, a retrievable facsimile of each voter's signature.

13 (2) The following information contained in voter registration
14 records or files regarding a voter or a group of voters is available
15 for public inspection and copying, except as provided in RCW
16 40.24.060: The voter's name, address, political jurisdiction, gender,
17 date of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration
18 number. No other information from voter registration records or files
19 is available for public inspection or copying.

20 (3) The information contained in voter sign up records is exempt
21 from public inspection and copying.

22 (4) For the purposes of this section, "sign up" has the
23 definition given in section 2 of this act.

24 **Sec. 9.** RCW 29A.08.810 and 2011 c 10 s 20 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) Registration of a person as a voter is presumptive evidence
27 of his or her right to vote. A challenge to the person's right to
28 vote must be based on personal knowledge of one of the following:

29 (a) The challenged voter has been convicted of a felony and the
30 voter's civil rights have not been restored;

31 (b) The challenged voter has been judicially declared ineligible
32 to vote due to mental incompetency;

33 (c) The challenged voter does not live at the residential address
34 provided, in which case the challenger must either:

35 (i) Provide the challenged voter's actual residence on the
36 challenge form; or

37 (ii) Submit evidence that he or she exercised due diligence to
38 verify that the challenged voter does not reside at the address
39 provided and to attempt to contact the challenged voter to learn the

1 challenged voter's actual residence, including that the challenger
2 personally:

3 (A) Sent a letter with return service requested to the challenged
4 voter's residential address provided, and to the challenged voter's
5 mailing address, if provided;

6 (B) Visited the residential address provided and contacted
7 persons at the address to determine whether the voter resides at the
8 address and, if not, obtained and submitted with the challenge form a
9 signed affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury from a person
10 who owns or manages property, resides, or is employed at the address
11 provided, that to his or her personal knowledge the challenged voter
12 does not reside at the address as provided on the voter registration;

13 (C) Searched local telephone directories, including online
14 directories, to determine whether the voter maintains a telephone
15 listing at any address in the county;

16 (D) Searched county auditor property records to determine whether
17 the challenged voter owns any property in the county; and

18 (E) Searched the statewide voter registration database to
19 determine if the voter is registered at any other address in the
20 state;

21 (d) The challenged voter (~~((will))~~) is not (~~((be))~~) eighteen years of
22 age (~~((by the next election))~~); or

23 (e) The challenged voter is not a citizen of the United States.

24 (2) A person's right to vote may be challenged by another
25 registered voter or the county prosecuting attorney.

26 (3) The challenger must file a signed affidavit subject to the
27 penalties of perjury swearing that, to his or her personal knowledge
28 and belief, having exercised due diligence to personally verify the
29 evidence presented, the challenged voter either is not qualified to
30 vote or does not reside at the address given on his or her voter
31 registration record based on one of the reasons allowed in subsection
32 (1) of this section. The challenger must provide the factual basis
33 for the challenge, including any information required by subsection
34 (1)(c) of this section, in the signed affidavit. The challenge may
35 not be based on unsupported allegations or allegations by anonymous
36 third parties. All documents pertaining to the challenge are public
37 records.

38 (4) Challenges based on a felony conviction under RCW 29A.08.520
39 must be heard according to RCW 29A.08.520 and rules adopted by the
40 secretary of state.

1 **Sec. 10.** RCW 29A.08.110 and 2009 c 369 s 10 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) An application is considered complete only if it contains the
4 information required by RCW 29A.08.010. The applicant is considered
5 to be registered to vote as of the original date of mailing (~~(of)~~)
6 date of delivery, or eighteenth birthday, whichever is applicable.
7 The auditor shall record the appropriate precinct identification,
8 taxing district identification, and date of registration on the
9 voter's record in the state voter registration list. Any mailing
10 address provided shall be used only for mail delivery purposes, and
11 not for precinct assignment or residency purposes. Within sixty days
12 after the receipt of an application or transfer, the auditor shall
13 send to the applicant, by first-class nonforwardable mail, an
14 acknowledgment notice identifying the registrant's precinct and
15 containing such other information as may be required by the secretary
16 of state. The postal service shall be instructed not to forward a
17 voter registration card to any other address and to return to the
18 auditor any card which is not deliverable.

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

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) A person may sign up to register to vote upon his or her
29 sixteenth birthday.

30 (2) A person who signs up to register to vote may not vote until
31 reaching eighteen years of age, and his or her name may not be added
32 to the statewide voter registration database list of voters until
33 such time as he or she is eighteen years of age or will be eighteen
34 years of age before the next election.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
36 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) A person who has attained sixteen years of age may sign up to
2 register to vote by submitting a voter registration application by
3 mail or online.

4 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information
5 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the
6 information as true.

7 (3) If signing up to register by mail, the person must provide a
8 signature for voter registration purposes.

9 (4) If signing up to register online, the person must authorize
10 the use of his or her signature on file with the department of
11 licensing for voter registration purposes.

12 (5) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she
13 will not vote until his or her eighteenth birthday.

14 (6) The secretary of state may employ additional security
15 measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
16 preregistration applications submitted electronically.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) A person who has attained sixteen years of age and has a
20 valid Washington state driver's license or identicard may sign up to
21 register to vote by submitting a voter registration application
22 electronically on the secretary of state's web site.

23 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information
24 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the
25 information as true.

26 (3) If signing up to register electronically, the applicant must
27 affirmatively assent to the use of his or her driver's license or
28 identicard signature for voter registration purposes.

29 (4) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she
30 will not vote until his or her eighteenth birthday.

31 (5) A voter registration application submitted electronically is
32 otherwise considered a registration by mail.

33 (6) For each electronic registration application, the secretary
34 of state must obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's
35 license or identicard signature from the department of licensing.

36 (7) The secretary of state may employ additional security
37 measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
38 preregistration applications submitted electronically.

1 **Sec. 14.** RCW 29A.08.720 and 2011 c 10 s 18 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) In the case of voter registration records received through
4 the department of licensing or an agency designated under RCW
5 29A.08.310, the identity of the office or agency at which any
6 particular individual registered to vote is not available for public
7 inspection and shall not be disclosed to the public. Any record of a
8 particular individual's choice not to register to vote at an office
9 of the department of licensing or a state agency designated under RCW
10 29A.08.310 is not available for public inspection and any information
11 regarding such a choice by a particular individual shall not be
12 disclosed to the public. The information contained in voter
13 registration applications for persons signing up to register to vote
14 prior to age eighteen is exempt from public inspection and copying
15 until the applicant reaches age eighteen.

16 (2) Subject to the restrictions of RCW 29A.08.710 and 40.24.060,
17 precinct lists and current lists of registered voters are public
18 records and must be made available for public inspection and copying
19 under such reasonable rules and regulations as the county auditor or
20 secretary of state may prescribe. The county auditor or secretary of
21 state shall promptly furnish current lists of registered voters in
22 his or her possession, at actual reproduction cost, to any person
23 requesting such information. The lists shall not be used for the
24 purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any
25 property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the
26 purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money,
27 services, or anything of value. However, the lists and labels may be
28 used for any political purpose. The county auditor or secretary of
29 state must provide a copy of RCW 29A.08.740 to the person requesting
30 the material that is released under this section.

31 (3) For the purposes of this section, "political purpose" means a
32 purpose concerned with the support of or opposition to any candidate
33 for any partisan or nonpartisan office or concerned with the support
34 of or opposition to any ballot proposition or issue. "Political
35 purpose" includes, but is not limited to, such activities as the
36 advertising for or against any candidate or ballot measure or the
37 solicitation of financial support.

38 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29A.08.760 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 813 are each
39 amended to read as follows:

1 The secretary of state shall provide a duplicate copy of the
2 master statewide computer file or electronic data file of registered
3 voters to the consolidated technology services agency for purposes of
4 creating the jury source list without cost. The information contained
5 in voter registration applications for persons signing up to register
6 to vote prior to age eighteen is exempt from inclusion until the
7 applicant reaches age eighteen. Restrictions as to the commercial use
8 of the information on the statewide computer tape or data file of
9 registered voters, and penalties for its misuse, shall be the same as
10 provided in RCW 29A.08.720 and 29A.08.740.

11 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29A.84.140 and 2005 c 246 s 22 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 A person who knows that he or she does not possess the legal
14 qualifications of a voter and who registers to vote is guilty of a
15 class C felony. This section does not apply to persons under eighteen
16 who sign up to register to vote as authorized under RCW 29A.08.330.

17 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29A.08.125 and 2009 c 369 s 12 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) The office of the secretary of state shall maintain a
20 statewide voter registration database. This database must be a
21 centralized, uniform, interactive computerized statewide voter
22 registration list that contains the name and registration information
23 of every registered voter in the state.

24 (2) The statewide list is the official list of registered voters
25 for the conduct of all elections.

26 (3) The statewide list must include, but is not limited to, the
27 name, date of birth, residence address, signature, gender, and date
28 of registration of every legally registered voter in the state.

29 (4) A unique identifier must be assigned to each registered voter
30 in the state.

31 (5) The database must be coordinated with other government
32 databases within the state including, but not limited to, the
33 department of corrections, the department of licensing, the
34 department of health, the administrative office of the courts, and
35 county auditors. The database may also be coordinated with the
36 databases of election officials in other states.

1 (6) Authorized employees of the secretary of state and each
2 county auditor must have immediate electronic access to the
3 information maintained in the database.

4 (7) Voter registration information received by each county
5 auditor must be electronically entered into the database. The office
6 of the secretary of state must provide support, as needed, to enable
7 each county auditor to enter and maintain voter registration
8 information in the state database.

9 (8) The secretary of state has data authority over all voter
10 registration data.

11 (9) The voter registration database must be designed to
12 accomplish at a minimum, the following:

13 (a) Comply with the help America vote act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252);

14 (b) Identify duplicate voter registrations;

15 (c) Identify suspected duplicate voters;

16 (d) Screen against any available databases maintained by other
17 government agencies to identify voters who are ineligible to vote due
18 to a felony conviction, lack of citizenship, or mental incompetence;

19 (e) Provide images of voters' signatures for the purpose of
20 checking signatures on initiative and referendum petitions;

21 (f) Provide for a comparison between the voter registration
22 database and the department of licensing change of address database;

23 (g) Provide access for county auditors that includes the
24 capability to update registrations and search for duplicate
25 registrations; ((and))

26 (h) Provide for the cancellation of registrations of voters who
27 have moved out of state; and

28 (i) Provide for the storage of pending registration records for
29 persons under eighteen years of age in a manner that these records
30 will not appear on the official list of registered voters until the
31 future registrant is eligible to vote.

32 (10) The secretary of state may, upon agreement with other
33 appropriate jurisdictions, screen against any available databases
34 maintained by election officials in other states and databases
35 maintained by federal agencies including, but not limited to, the
36 federal bureau of investigation, the federal court system, the
37 federal bureau of prisons, and the bureau of citizenship and
38 immigration services.

1 (11) The database shall retain information regarding previous
2 successful appeals of proposed cancellations of registrations in
3 order to avoid repeated cancellations for the same reason.

4 (12) Each county auditor shall maintain a list of all registered
5 voters within the county that are contained on the official statewide
6 voter registration list. In addition to the information maintained in
7 the statewide database, the county database must also maintain the
8 applicable taxing district and precinct codes for each voter in the
9 county, and a list of elections in which the individual voted.

10 (13) Each county auditor shall allow electronic access and
11 information transfer between the county's voter registration system
12 and the official statewide voter registration list.

13 **Sec. 18.** RCW 29A.08.615 and 2003 c 111 s 238 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) Registered voters are divided into two categories, "active"
16 and "inactive." All registered voters are classified as active,
17 unless assigned to inactive status by the county auditor.

18 (2) Persons signing up to register to vote who have not yet
19 reached eighteen years of age are classified as "pending" until
20 attaining eighteen years of age.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** This act takes effect January 1, 2018.

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