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By Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

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

3 **"PART I**

4 **ACT NAME AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS**

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
6 voting opportunities through education act or the VOTE act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that robust
8 participation by young voters in Washington state elections is
9 critical to ensuring lifelong civic engagement. Research has shown
10 that voting is a habitual behavior and that people who vote in the
11 first three elections when they are eligible will likely vote for
12 life. However, this is also the period of time when they are likely
13 to face unique barriers to participate in the democratic process,
14 including regularly changing their address, becoming eligible shortly
15 after an election, and exclusion from certain voter registration
16 policies.

17 The legislature also finds that the period prior to election day
18 is the most critical time to ensure ballot access for young voters.
19 States with early voting have higher participation rates than states
20 that do not and the use of early voting sites on college campuses
21 helped produce record levels of participation for young voters in
22 2016 and 2018.

23 The legislature finds that students that have more opportunities
24 to be registered and vote are more likely to participate. Limiting
25 statutory voter registration opportunities on college campuses to
26 days well in advance of election day is inconsistent with
27 implementation of same-day voter registration. Making automatic voter
28 registration unavailable to those registering for the first time
29 denies young voters the same benefits as every other voter.

1 **PART II**

2 **PERSONS ALLOWED TO VOTE IN PRIMARIES**

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.210 and 2018 c 109 s 8 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 registered
9 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
19 a Washington state driver's license or Washington state
20 identification 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;

24 (9) A check box allowing the applicant to acknowledge that he or
25 she is at least ~~((eighteen))~~ sixteen years old ~~((or is at least
26 sixteen years old and will vote only after he or she reaches the age
27 of eighteen))~~);

28 (10) Clear and conspicuous language, designed to draw the
29 applicant's attention, stating that ~~((the))~~ :

30 (a) The applicant must be a United States citizen in order to
31 register to vote; and

32 (b) The applicant may register to vote if the applicant is at
33 least sixteen years old and may vote if the applicant will be at
34 least eighteen years old by the next general election, or is at least
35 eighteen years old for special elections;

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

38 (12) The following warning:

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

6 (13) The oath required by RCW 29A.08.230 and a space for the
7 applicant's signature; and

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

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

13 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.08.230 and 2013 c 11 s 14 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 For all voter registrations, the registrant shall sign the
16 following oath:

17 "I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are
18 true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this
19 address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the
20 next election at which I vote, I (~~(will be)~~) am at least (~~(eighteen)~~)
21 sixteen years old (~~(when I vote)~~), I am not disqualified from voting
22 due to a court order, and I am not under department of corrections
23 supervision for a Washington felony conviction."

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.08.330 and 2019 c 391 s 6 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the method of voter
27 registration for each designated agency. The agency shall use either
28 the state voter registration by mail form with a separate declination
29 form for the applicant to indicate that he or she declines to
30 register at this time, or the agency may use a separate form approved
31 for use by the secretary of state.

32 (2) The person providing service at the agency shall offer voter
33 registration services to every client whenever he or she applies for
34 service or assistance and with each renewal, recertification, or
35 change of address. The person providing service shall give the
36 applicant the same level of assistance with the voter registration
37 application as is offered to fill out the agency's forms and

1 documents, including information about age and citizenship
2 requirements for voter registration.

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

6 "Do you want to register or sign up to vote or update your voter
7 registration?"

8 If the applicant chooses to register, sign up, or update a
9 registration, the service agent shall ask the following:

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

11 (b) "Are you at least ((eighteen)) sixteen years old ((~~or are you~~
12 ~~at least sixteen years old and will you vote only after you turn~~
13 ~~eighteen~~)?"

14 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,
15 the agent shall then provide the applicant with a voter registration
16 form and instructions and shall record that the applicant has
17 requested to sign up to vote, register to vote, or update a voter
18 registration. If the applicant answers in the negative to either
19 question, the agent shall not provide the applicant with a voter
20 registration application.

21 (4) If an agency uses a computerized application process, it may,
22 in consultation with the secretary of state, develop methods to
23 capture simultaneously the information required for voter
24 registration during a person's computerized application process.

25 (5) Each designated agency shall transmit the applications to the
26 secretary of state or appropriate county auditor within three
27 business days and must be received by the election official by the
28 required voter registration deadline.

29 (6) Information that is otherwise disclosable under this chapter
30 cannot be disclosed on the future voter until the person reaches
31 eighteen years of age, except for the purpose of processing and
32 delivering ballots.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 29A.08.810 and 2011 c 10 s 20 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

9 (ii) Submit evidence that he or she exercised due diligence to
10 verify that the challenged voter does not reside at the address
11 provided and to attempt to contact the challenged voter to learn the
12 challenged voter's actual residence, including that the challenger
13 personally:

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

17 (B) Visited the residential address provided and contacted
18 persons at the address to determine whether the voter resides at the
19 address and, if not, obtained and submitted with the challenge form a
20 signed affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury from a person
21 who owns or manages property, resides, or is employed at the address
22 provided, that to his or her personal knowledge the challenged voter
23 does not reside at the address as provided on the voter registration;

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

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

29 (E) Searched the statewide voter registration database to
30 determine if the voter is registered at any other address in the
31 state;

32 (d) The challenged voter will not be eighteen years of age by the
33 next general election; or

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

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

37 (3) The challenger must file a signed affidavit subject to the
38 penalties of perjury swearing that, to his or her personal knowledge
39 and belief, having exercised due diligence to personally verify the
40 evidence presented, the challenged voter either is not qualified to

1 vote or does not reside at the address given on his or her voter
2 registration record based on one of the reasons allowed in subsection
3 (1) of this section. The challenger must provide the factual basis
4 for the challenge, including any information required by subsection
5 (1)(c) of this section, in the signed affidavit. The challenge may
6 not be based on unsupported allegations or allegations by anonymous
7 third parties. All documents pertaining to the challenge are public
8 records.

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

12 PART III

13 AUTOMATIC VOTER SIGN-UP TO REGISTER

14 **Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.08.355 and 2018 c 110 s 102 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The department of licensing (~~shall implement an automatic~~
17 ~~voter registration system so that~~) must allow a person age eighteen
18 years or older (~~who~~) to be registered to vote or update voter
19 registration information by automated process at the time of
20 registration, renewal, or change of address if:

21 (a) The person meets requirements for voter registration (~~and~~);

22 (b) The person has received or is renewing an enhanced driver's
23 license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or is changing the
24 address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard
25 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205 (~~may be registered to vote or update voter~~
26 ~~registration information at the time of registration, renewal, or~~
27 ~~change of address, by automated process if the~~); and

28 (c) The department of licensing record associated with the
29 applicant contains (~~the~~);

30 (i) The data required to determine whether the applicant meets
31 requirements for voter registration under RCW 29A.08.010 (~~or other~~);

32 (ii) Other information as required by the secretary of state (~~or~~
33 ~~and includes a~~); and

34 (iii) A signature image.

35 (2) The department of licensing must allow a person sixteen or
36 seventeen years of age to be signed up to register to vote by
37 automated process at the time of registration, renewal, or change of
38 address if:

1 (a) The person meets requirements to sign up to register to vote;
2 (b) The person has received or is renewing an enhanced driver's
3 license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or is changing the
4 address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard
5 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205; and

6 (c) The department of licensing record associated with the
7 applicant contains:

8 (i) The data required to determine whether the applicant meets
9 the requirements for voter registration under RCW 29A.08.210, other
10 than age;

11 (ii) Other information as required by the secretary of state; and

12 (iii) A signature image.

13 (3) The person must be informed that his or her record will be
14 used for voter registration and offered an opportunity to decline to
15 register.

16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.20.155 and 2018 c 109 s 15 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

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

22 "Do you want to register or sign up to vote or update your voter
23 registration?"

24 If the applicant chooses to register, sign up, or update a
25 registration, the agent shall ask the following:

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

27 (2) "Are you at least ((eighteen)) sixteen years old ((~~or are you~~
28 ~~at least sixteen years old and will you vote only after you turn~~
29 ~~eighteen~~))?"

30 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,
31 the agent shall then submit the registration, sign up form, or
32 update. If the applicant answers in the negative to either question,
33 the agent shall not submit an application. Information that is
34 otherwise disclosable under chapter 29A.08 RCW cannot be disclosed on
35 the future voter until the person reaches eighteen years of age,
36 except for the purpose of processing and delivering ballots.

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

5 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.230.094 and 2018 c 127 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Beginning with or before the 2020-21 school year, each
8 school district that operates a high school must provide a mandatory
9 one-half credit stand-alone course in civics for each high school
10 student. Except as provided by (c) of this subsection, civics content
11 and instruction embedded in other social studies courses do not
12 satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

13 (b) Credit awarded to students who complete the civics course
14 must be applied to course credit requirements in social studies that
15 are required for high school graduation.

16 (c) Civics content and instruction required by this section may
17 be embedded in social studies courses that offer students the
18 opportunity to earn both high school and postsecondary credit.

19 (2) The content of the civics course must include, but is not
20 limited to:

21 (a) Federal, state, tribal, and local government organization and
22 procedures;

23 (b) Rights and responsibilities of citizens addressed in the
24 Washington state and United States Constitutions;

25 (c) Current issues addressed at each level of government;

26 (d) Electoral issues, including elections, ballot measures,
27 initiatives, and referenda;

28 (e) The study and completion of the civics component of the
29 federally administered naturalization test required of persons
30 seeking to become naturalized United States citizens; and

31 (f) The importance in a free society of living the basic values
32 and character traits specified in RCW 28A.150.211.

33 (3) By September 1, 2020, the office of the superintendent of
34 public instruction, in collaboration with the Washington state
35 association of county auditors and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
36 engaged in voter outreach and increasing voter participation, shall
37 identify and make available civics materials and resources for use in
38 courses under this section. The materials and resources must be

1 posted on the office of the superintendent of public instruction's
2 web site.

3 **PART IV**

4 **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HUBS**

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.40
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Each state university, regional university, and The Evergreen
8 State College as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and each higher education
9 campus as defined in RCW 28B.45.012 shall open a student engagement
10 hub on its campus. The student engagement hub may be open during
11 business hours beginning eight days before, and ending at 8:00 p.m.
12 on the day of, the general election. All student engagement hubs must
13 allow students to download their exact ballot from an online portal.
14 Upon request of the student government organization to the
15 administration and the county auditor, the student engagement hub at
16 a state university, regional university, or The Evergreen State
17 College as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 must allow voters to register in
18 person pursuant to RCW 29A.08.140(1)(b) and provide voter
19 registration materials and ballots.

20 (2) Each institution shall contract with the county auditor for
21 the operation of a student engagement hub under this section.

22 (3) Student engagement hubs are not voting centers as outlined in
23 RCW 29A.40.160.

24 **PART V**

25 **VOTERS' PAMPHLETS**

26 **Sec. 11.** RCW 29A.32.031 and 2013 c 283 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW
29 29A.32.010 must contain:

30 (1) Information about each measure for an advisory vote of the
31 people and each ballot measure initiated by or referred to the voters
32 for their approval or rejection as required by RCW 29A.32.070;

33 (2) In even-numbered years, statements, if submitted, from
34 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the
35 United States, United States senator, United States representative,
36 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer,

1 state auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands,
2 superintendent of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state
3 senator, state representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of
4 the court of appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates may
5 also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not more
6 than five years old in a format that the secretary of state
7 determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

8 (3) In odd-numbered years, if any office voted upon statewide
9 appears on the ballot due to a vacancy, then statements and
10 photographs for candidates for any vacant office listed in subsection
11 (2) of this section must appear;

12 (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission
13 established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement:
14 "For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and
15 local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov."
16 The statement must be placed in a prominent position, such as on the
17 cover or on the first two pages of the voters' pamphlet. The
18 secretary of state may substitute such language as is necessary for
19 accuracy and clarity and consistent with the intent of this section;

20 (5) Contact information for major political parties;

21 (6) A brief statement explaining the deletion and addition of
22 language for proposed measures under RCW 29A.32.080; (~~and~~)

23 (7) A list of all student engagement hubs as designated under
24 section 10 of this act; and

25 (8) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be
26 required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is
27 deemed informative to the voters.

28 **Sec. 12.** RCW 29A.32.241 and 2016 c 83 s 2 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) The local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited
31 to the following:

32 (a) Appearing on the cover, the words "official local voters'
33 pamphlet," the name of the jurisdiction producing the pamphlet, and
34 the date of the election or primary;

35 (b) A list of jurisdictions that have measures or candidates in
36 the pamphlet;

37 (c) Information on how a person may register to vote and obtain a
38 ballot;

1 (d) The text of each measure accompanied by an explanatory
2 statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney for any county measure
3 or by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure if
4 other than a county measure. All explanatory statements for city,
5 town, or district measures not approved by the attorney for the
6 jurisdiction submitting the measure shall be reviewed and approved by
7 the county prosecuting attorney or city attorney, when applicable,
8 before inclusion in the pamphlet;

9 (e) The arguments for and against each measure submitted by
10 committees selected pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280; (~~and~~)

11 (f) A list of all student engagement hubs in the county as
12 designated under section 10 of this act; and

13 (g) For partisan primary elections, information on how to vote
14 the applicable ballot format and an explanation that minor political
15 party candidates and independent candidates will appear only on the
16 general election ballot.

17 (2) The county auditor's name may not appear in the local voters'
18 pamphlet in his or her official capacity if the county auditor is a
19 candidate for office during the same year. His or her name may only
20 be included as part of the information normally included for
21 candidates.

22 PART VI

23 HARMONIZING PROVISIONS

24 **Sec. 13.** RCW 29A.04.061 and 2003 c 111 s 111 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 "Elector" means any person who possesses all of the
27 qualifications to vote under Article VI of the state Constitution,
28 including persons who are seventeen years of age at the primary
29 election or presidential primary election but who will be eighteen
30 years of age by the general election.

31 **Sec. 14.** RCW 29A.08.110 and 2019 c 391 s 5 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) For persons registering under RCW 29A.08.120, 29A.08.123,
34 29A.08.170, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.340, 29A.08.362, and 29A.08.365, an
35 application is considered complete only if it contains the
36 information required by RCW 29A.08.010. The applicant is considered
37 to be registered to vote as of (~~the~~);

1 (a) The original date of receipt (~~(, or when)~~);

2 (b) When the person will be at least eighteen years old by the
3 next election; or

4 (c) When the person will be at least seventeen years old by the
5 next primary election or presidential primary election and eighteen
6 years old by the general election, whichever is applicable.

7 (2) As soon as practicable, the auditor shall record the
8 appropriate precinct identification, taxing district identification,
9 and date of registration on the voter's record in the state voter
10 registration list. The secretary of state shall, pursuant to RCW
11 29A.04.611, establish procedures to enable new or updated voter
12 registrations to be recorded on an expedited basis. Any mailing
13 address provided shall be used only for mail delivery purposes, and
14 not for precinct assignment or residency purposes. Within sixty days
15 after the receipt of an application or transfer, the auditor shall
16 send to the applicant, by first-class nonforwardable mail, an
17 acknowledgment notice identifying the registrant's precinct and
18 containing such other information as may be required by the secretary
19 of state. The postal service shall be instructed not to forward a
20 voter registration card to any other address and to return to the
21 auditor any card which is not deliverable.

22 ~~((+2))~~ (3) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall
23 promptly mail a verification notice to the applicant. The
24 verification notice shall require the applicant to provide the
25 missing information. If the applicant provides the required
26 information within forty-five days, the applicant shall be registered
27 to vote as of the original date of application. The applicant shall
28 not be placed on the official list of registered voters until the
29 application is complete.

30 ~~((+3))~~ (4) Once a future voter is no longer in pending status,
31 as described in RCW 29A.08.615, his or her application to sign up to
32 register to vote is no longer pending and is subject to this section.

33 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29A.08.170 and 2018 c 109 s 5 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) A person may sign up to register to vote if he or she is
36 sixteen or seventeen years of age, as part of the future voter
37 program.

38 (2) A person who signs up to register to vote may not vote until
39 reaching eighteen years of age (~~(, and his or her name)~~) unless the

1 person is seventeen years of age at the primary election or
2 presidential primary election and will be eighteen years of age by
3 the general election. A person who signs up to register to vote may
4 not be added to the statewide voter registration database list of
5 voters until such time as he or she will be (~~eighteen years of age~~
6 ~~by~~) eligible to vote in the next election.

7 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29A.08.172 and 2018 c 109 s 6 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) A person who has attained sixteen years of age may sign up to
10 register to vote, as part of the future voter program, by submitting
11 a voter registration application by mail.

12 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information
13 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the
14 information as true.

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

17 (4) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she
18 will not vote in a special or general election until his or her
19 eighteenth birthday.

20 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29A.08.174 and 2018 c 109 s 14 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) A person who has attained sixteen years of age and has a
23 valid Washington state driver's license or identicard may sign up to
24 register to vote as part of the future voter program, by submitting a
25 voter registration application electronically on the secretary of
26 state's web site.

27 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information
28 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the
29 information as true.

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

33 (4) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she
34 will not vote in a special or general election until his or her
35 eighteenth birthday, and will only vote in a primary election or
36 presidential primary election if he or she will be eighteen years of
37 age by the general election.

1 (5) For each electronic registration application, the secretary
2 of state must obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's
3 license or identicard signature from the department of licensing.

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

7 **Sec. 18.** RCW 29A.08.359 and 2019 c 391 s 8 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1)(a) For persons age eighteen years and older registering under
10 RCW 29A.08.355(1), an application is considered complete only if it
11 contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and other
12 information as required by the secretary of state. The applicant is
13 considered to be registered to vote as of the original date of
14 issuance or renewal or date of change of address of an enhanced
15 driver's license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or change
16 of address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard
17 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205.

18 (b) For persons sixteen or seventeen years of age registering
19 under RCW 29A.08.355(2), an application is considered complete only
20 if it contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and other
21 information as required by the secretary of state. The applicant is
22 considered to be registered to vote as of the date set forth in RCW
23 29A.08.110(1).

24 (c) The information must be transmitted in an expedited manner
25 and must be received by an election official by the required voter
26 registration deadline. The auditor shall record the appropriate
27 precinct identification, taxing district identification, and date of
28 registration on the voter's record in the state voter registration
29 list. Any mailing address provided shall be used only for mail
30 delivery purposes, and not for precinct assignment or residency
31 purposes. Within sixty days after the receipt of an application or
32 transfer, the auditor shall send to the applicant, by first-class
33 nonforwardable mail, an acknowledgment notice identifying the
34 registrant's precinct and containing such other information as may be
35 required by the secretary of state. The United States postal service
36 shall be instructed not to forward a voter registration card to any
37 other address and to return to the auditor any card which is not
38 deliverable.

1 (~~(b)~~) (d) An auditor may use other means to communicate with
2 potential and registered voters such as, but not limited to, email,
3 phone, or text messaging. The alternate form of communication must
4 not be in lieu of the first-class mail requirements. The auditor
5 shall act in compliance with all voter notification processes
6 established in federal law.

7 (2) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall promptly
8 mail a verification notice to the applicant. The verification notice
9 must require the applicant to provide the missing information. If the
10 applicant provides the required information within forty-five days,
11 the applicant must be registered to vote. The applicant must not be
12 placed on the official list of registered voters until the
13 application is complete.

14 (3) If the prospective registration applicant declines to
15 register to vote or the information provided by the department of
16 licensing does not indicate citizenship, the information must not be
17 included on the list of registered voters.

18 (4) The department of licensing is prohibited from sharing data
19 files used by the secretary of state to certify voters registered
20 through the automated process outlined in RCW 29A.08.355 with any
21 federal agency, or state agency other than the secretary of state.
22 Personal information supplied for the purposes of obtaining a
23 driver's license or identicard is exempt from public inspection
24 pursuant to RCW 42.56.230.

25 **Sec. 19.** RCW 29A.80.041 and 2009 c 106 s 3 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 Any member of a major political party who is a registered voter
28 in the precinct and who will be at least eighteen years old by the
29 date of the precinct committee officer election may file his or her
30 declaration of candidacy as prescribed under RCW 29A.24.031 with the
31 county auditor for the office of precinct committee officer of his or
32 her party in that precinct. When elected at the primary, the precinct
33 committee officer shall serve so long as the committee officer
34 remains an eligible voter in that precinct.

35 **Sec. 20.** RCW 29A.84.140 and 2018 c 109 s 13 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 A person who knows that he or she does not possess the legal
38 qualifications of a voter and who registers to vote is guilty of a

1 class C felony. This section does not apply to persons age sixteen or
2 seventeen signing up to register to vote as authorized under RCW
3 29A.08.170 or 29A.08.355(2).

4 **Sec. 21.** RCW 46.20.156 and 2018 c 110 s 105 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 For persons eighteen years of age or older who meet requirements
7 for voter registration and persons sixteen or seventeen years of age
8 who meet requirements to sign up to register to vote, who have been
9 issued or are renewing an enhanced driver's license or identicard
10 under RCW 46.20.202 or applying for a change of address for an
11 existing enhanced driver's license or identicard pursuant to RCW
12 46.20.205, and have not declined to register to vote, the department
13 shall produce and transmit to the secretary of state the following
14 information from the records of each individual: The name, address,
15 date of birth, gender of the applicant, the driver's license number,
16 signature image, and the date on which the application was submitted.
17 The department and the secretary of state shall process information
18 as an automated application on a daily basis.

19 **PART VII**
20 **OTHER PROVISIONS**

21 **Sec. 22.** RCW 29A.08.140 and 2019 c 391 s 4 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) In order to vote in any primary, special election, or general
24 election, a person who is not registered to vote in Washington must:

25 (a) Submit a registration application that is received by an
26 election official no later than eight days before the day of the
27 primary, special election, or general election. For purposes of this
28 subsection (1)(a), "received" means: (i) Being physically received by
29 an election official by the close of business of the required
30 deadline; or (ii) for applications received online or electronically,
31 by midnight, of the required deadline; or

32 (b) Register in person at (~~the~~) a county auditor's office, the
33 division of elections if in a separate city from the county auditor's
34 office, a voting center, a student engagement hub, or other location
35 designated by the county auditor (~~in his or her county of~~
36 ~~residence~~) no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary,
37 special election, or general election.

1 (2) (~~(a)~~) (a) In order to change a residence address for
2 voting in any primary, special election, or general election, a
3 person who is already registered to vote in Washington may update his
4 or her registration by:

5 (~~(a)---(i)~~) (i) Submitting an address change using a
6 registration application or making notification via any non-in-person
7 method that is received by election officials no later than eight
8 days before the day of the primary, special election, or general
9 election; or

10 (~~(b)---(ii)~~) (ii) Appearing in person, at (~~the~~) a county
11 auditor's office, the division of elections if in a separate city
12 from the county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location
13 designated by the county auditor (~~in his or her county of~~
14 ~~residence~~), no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary,
15 special election, or general election to be in effect for that
16 primary, special election, or general election.

17 (~~(c)---(b)~~) (b) A registered voter who fails to update his or
18 her residential address by this deadline may vote according to his or
19 her previous registration address.

20 (3) To register or update a voting address in person at (~~the~~) a
21 county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location
22 designated by the county auditor, a person must appear in person at
23 (~~the~~) a county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location
24 designated by the county auditor (~~in the county in which the person~~
25 ~~resides~~) at a time when the facility is open and complete the voter
26 registration application by providing the information required by RCW
27 29A.08.010.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. Subject to the availability of amounts
29 appropriated for this specific purpose, the secretary of state may
30 provide grants to county auditors to implement section 10 of this
31 act.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. Sections 3, 5, 6, and 13 through 17 of
33 this act take effect January 1, 2022.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. Sections 7, 8, 18, 20, and 21 of this act
35 take effect September 1, 2023."

36 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires student engagement hubs to allow students to download ballots from an online portal and removes the requirement that hubs must provide replacement ballots. Requires, upon request of student government organizations, student engagement hubs to provide ballots in addition to voter registration materials. Clarifies that student engagement hubs are not voting centers.

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