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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing opportunities for young voters;
2 amending RCW 29A.08.210, 29A.08.230, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.810,
3 29A.08.355, 46.20.155, 28A.230.094, 29A.32.031, 29A.32.241,
4 29A.04.061, 29A.08.110, 29A.08.170, 29A.08.172, 29A.08.174,
5 29A.08.359, 29A.80.041, 29A.84.140, 46.20.156, and 29A.08.140; adding
6 a new section to chapter 29A.40 RCW; creating new sections; and
7 providing effective dates.

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

9 **PART I**

10 **ACT NAME AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS**

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

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that robust
14 participation by young voters in Washington state elections is
15 critical to ensuring lifelong civic engagement. Research has shown
16 that voting is a habitual behavior and that people who vote in the
17 first three elections when they are eligible will likely vote for
18 life. However, this is also the period of time when they are likely
19 to face unique barriers to participate in the democratic process,

1 including regularly changing their address, becoming eligible shortly
2 after an election, and exclusion from certain voter registration
3 policies.

4 The legislature also finds that the period prior to election day
5 is the most critical time to ensure ballot access for young voters.
6 States with early voting have higher participation rates than states
7 that do not and the use of early voting sites on college campuses
8 helped produce record levels of participation for young voters in
9 2016 and 2018.

10 The legislature finds that students that have more opportunities
11 to be registered and vote are more likely to participate. Limiting
12 statutory voter registration opportunities on college campuses to
13 days well in advance of election day is inconsistent with
14 implementation of same-day voter registration. Making automatic voter
15 registration unavailable to those registering for the first time
16 denies young voters the same benefits as every other voter.

17 **PART II**

18 **PERSONS ALLOWED TO VOTE IN PRIMARIES**

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.210 and 2018 c 109 s 8 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

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

24 (1) The former address of the applicant if previously registered
25 to vote;

26 (2) The applicant's full name;

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

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

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

31 (6) The sex of the applicant;

32 (7) The applicant's Washington state driver's license number,
33 Washington state identification card number, or the last four digits
34 of the applicant's social security number if he or she does not have
35 a Washington state driver's license or Washington state
36 identification card;

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

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

8 (10) Clear and conspicuous language, designed to draw the
9 applicant's attention, stating that ~~((the))~~;

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

12 (b) The applicant may register to vote if the applicant is at
13 least sixteen years old and may vote if the applicant will be at
14 least eighteen years old by the next general election, or is at least
15 eighteen years old for special elections;

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

18 (12) The following warning:

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

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

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

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

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

33 For all voter registrations, the registrant shall sign the
34 following oath:

35 "I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are
36 true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this
37 address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the
38 next election at which I vote, I ~~((will be))~~ am at least ~~((eighteen))~~

1 sixteen years old (~~(when I vote)~~), I am not disqualified from voting
2 due to a court order, and I am not under department of corrections
3 supervision for a Washington felony conviction."

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

6 (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the method of voter
7 registration for each designated agency. The agency shall use either
8 the state voter registration by mail form with a separate declination
9 form for the applicant to indicate that he or she declines to
10 register at this time, or the agency may use a separate form approved
11 for use by the secretary of state.

12 (2) The person providing service at the agency shall offer voter
13 registration services to every client whenever he or she applies for
14 service or assistance and with each renewal, recertification, or
15 change of address. The person providing service shall give the
16 applicant the same level of assistance with the voter registration
17 application as is offered to fill out the agency's forms and
18 documents, including information about age and citizenship
19 requirements for voter registration.

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

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

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

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

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

31 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,
32 the agent shall then provide the applicant with a voter registration
33 form and instructions and shall record that the applicant has
34 requested to sign up to vote, register to vote, or update a voter
35 registration. If the applicant answers in the negative to either
36 question, the agent shall not provide the applicant with a voter
37 registration application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (ii) Submit evidence that he or she exercised due diligence to
27 verify that the challenged voter does not reside at the address
28 provided and to attempt to contact the challenged voter to learn the
29 challenged voter's actual residence, including that the challenger
30 personally:

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

34 (B) Visited the residential address provided and contacted
35 persons at the address to determine whether the voter resides at the
36 address and, if not, obtained and submitted with the challenge form a
37 signed affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury from a person
38 who owns or manages property, resides, or is employed at the address

1 provided, that to his or her personal knowledge the challenged voter
2 does not reside at the address as provided on the voter registration;

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

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

8 (E) Searched the statewide voter registration database to
9 determine if the voter is registered at any other address in the
10 state;

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

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

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

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

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

31 PART III

32 AUTOMATIC VOTER SIGN-UP TO REGISTER

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

35 (1) The department of licensing ((shall implement an automatic
36 voter registration system so that)) must allow a person age eighteen
37 years or older ((who)) to be registered to vote or update voter

1 registration information by automated process at the time of
2 registration, renewal, or change of address if:

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

4 (b) The person has received or is renewing an enhanced driver's
5 license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or is changing the
6 address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard
7 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205 ((may be registered to vote or update voter
8 registration information at the time of registration, renewal, or
9 change of address, by automated process if the)); and

10 (c) The department of licensing record associated with the
11 applicant contains ((the));

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

14 (ii) Other information as required by the secretary of state((~~7~~
15 and includes a)); and

16 (iii) A signature image.

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

21 (a) The person meets requirements to sign up to register to vote;

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; and

26 (c) The department of licensing record associated with the
27 applicant contains:

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

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

32 (iii) A signature image.

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

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

38 (1) Before issuing an original license or identicard or renewing
39 a license or identicard under this chapter, the licensing agent shall

1 determine if the applicant wants to register to vote or update his or
2 her voter registration by asking the following question:

3 "Do you want to register or sign up to vote or update your voter
4 registration?"

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

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

8 (2) "Are you at least ((eighteen)) sixteen years old ((~~or are you~~
9 ~~at least sixteen years old and will you vote only after you turn~~
10 ~~eighteen~~))?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (a) Federal, state, tribal, and local government organization and
2 procedures;

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

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

6 (d) Electoral issues, including elections, ballot measures,
7 initiatives, and referenda;

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

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

13 (3) By September 1, 2020, the office of the superintendent of
14 public instruction, in collaboration with the Washington state
15 association of county auditors and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
16 engaged in voter outreach and increasing voter participation, shall
17 identify and make available civics materials and resources for use in
18 courses under this section. The materials and resources must be
19 posted on the office of the superintendent of public instruction's
20 web site.

21 **PART IV**

22 **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HUBS**

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

25 (1) Each state university, regional university, and The Evergreen
26 State College as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and each higher education
27 campus as defined in RCW 28B.45.012 shall open a student engagement
28 hub on its campus. The student engagement hub may be open during
29 business hours beginning eight days before, and ending at 8:00 p.m.
30 on the day of, the general election. All student engagement hubs must
31 provide replacement ballots pursuant to RCW 29A.40.070(3). Upon
32 request of the student government organization to the administration
33 and the county auditor, the student engagement hub at a state
34 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College as
35 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 must allow voters to register in person
36 pursuant to RCW 29A.08.140(1)(b) and provide voter registration
37 materials.

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

3 **PART V**
4 **VOTERS' PAMPHLETS**

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

7 The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW
8 29A.32.010 must contain:

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

12 (2) In even-numbered years, statements, if submitted, from
13 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the
14 United States, United States senator, United States representative,
15 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer,
16 state auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands,
17 superintendent of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state
18 senator, state representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of
19 the court of appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates may
20 also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not more
21 than five years old in a format that the secretary of state
22 determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

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

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

35 (5) Contact information for major political parties;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (d) The text of each measure accompanied by an explanatory
18 statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney for any county measure
19 or by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure if
20 other than a county measure. All explanatory statements for city,
21 town, or district measures not approved by the attorney for the
22 jurisdiction submitting the measure shall be reviewed and approved by
23 the county prosecuting attorney or city attorney, when applicable,
24 before inclusion in the pamphlet;

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

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

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

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

1 **HARMONIZING PROVISIONS**

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

4 "Elector" means any person who possesses all of the
5 qualifications to vote under Article VI of the state Constitution,
6 including persons who are seventeen years of age at the primary
7 election or presidential primary election but who will be eighteen
8 years of age by the general election.

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

11 (1) For persons registering under RCW 29A.08.120, 29A.08.123,
12 29A.08.170, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.340, 29A.08.362, and 29A.08.365, an
13 application is considered complete only if it contains the
14 information required by RCW 29A.08.010. The applicant is considered
15 to be registered to vote as of ~~((the))~~;

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

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

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

22 (2) As soon as practicable, the auditor shall record the
23 appropriate precinct identification, taxing district identification,
24 and date of registration on the voter's record in the state voter
25 registration list. The secretary of state shall, pursuant to RCW
26 29A.04.611, establish procedures to enable new or updated voter
27 registrations to be recorded on an expedited basis. Any mailing
28 address provided shall be used only for mail delivery purposes, and
29 not for precinct assignment or residency purposes. Within sixty days
30 after the receipt of an application or transfer, the auditor shall
31 send to the applicant, by first-class nonforwardable mail, an
32 acknowledgment notice identifying the registrant's precinct and
33 containing such other information as may be required by the secretary
34 of state. The postal service shall be instructed not to forward a
35 voter registration card to any other address and to return to the
36 auditor any card which is not deliverable.

37 ~~((2))~~ (3) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall
38 promptly mail a verification notice to the applicant. The

1 verification notice shall require the applicant to provide the
2 missing information. If the applicant provides the required
3 information within forty-five days, the applicant shall be registered
4 to vote as of the original date of application. The applicant shall
5 not be placed on the official list of registered voters until the
6 application is complete.

7 ~~((3))~~ (4) Once a future voter is no longer in pending status,
8 as described in RCW 29A.08.615, his or her application to sign up to
9 register to vote is no longer pending and is subject to this section.

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

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

15 (2) A person who signs up to register to vote may not vote until
16 reaching eighteen years of age ~~(, and his or her name)~~ unless the
17 person is seventeen years of age at the primary election or
18 presidential primary election and will be eighteen years of age by
19 the general election. A person who signs up to register to vote may
20 not be added to the statewide voter registration database list of
21 voters until such time as he or she will be ~~((eighteen years of age~~
22 ~~by))~~ eligible to vote in the next election.

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

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

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

31 (3) If signing up to register by mail, the person must provide a
32 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.

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

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

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

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

12 (4) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she
13 will not vote in a special or general election until his or her
14 eighteenth birthday, and will only vote in a primary election or
15 presidential primary election if he or she will be eighteen years of
16 age by the general election.

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

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

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

25 (1)(a) For persons age eighteen years and older registering under
26 RCW 29A.08.355(1), an application is considered complete only if it
27 contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and other
28 information as required by the secretary of state. The applicant is
29 considered to be registered to vote as of the original date of
30 issuance or renewal or date of change of address of an enhanced
31 driver's license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or change
32 of address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard
33 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205.

34 (b) For persons sixteen or seventeen years of age registering
35 under RCW 29A.08.355(2), an application is considered complete only
36 if it contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and other
37 information as required by the secretary of state. The applicant is
38 considered to be registered to vote as of the date set forth in RCW
39 29A.08.110(1).

1 (c) The information must be transmitted in an expedited manner
2 and must be received by an election official by the required voter
3 registration deadline. The auditor shall record the appropriate
4 precinct identification, taxing district identification, and date of
5 registration on the voter's record in the state voter registration
6 list. Any mailing address provided shall be used only for mail
7 delivery purposes, and not for precinct assignment or residency
8 purposes. Within sixty days after the receipt of an application or
9 transfer, the auditor shall send to the applicant, by first-class
10 nonforwardable mail, an acknowledgment notice identifying the
11 registrant's precinct and containing such other information as may be
12 required by the secretary of state. The United States postal service
13 shall be instructed not to forward a voter registration card to any
14 other address and to return to the auditor any card which is not
15 deliverable.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (a) Submit a registration application that is received by an
4 election official no later than eight days before the day of the
5 primary, special election, or general election. For purposes of this
6 subsection (1)(a), "received" means: (i) Being physically received by
7 an election official by the close of business of the required
8 deadline; or (ii) for applications received online or electronically,
9 by midnight, of the required deadline; or

10 (b) Register in person at ~~((the))~~ a county auditor's office, the
11 division of elections if in a separate city from the county auditor's
12 office, a voting center, a student engagement hub, 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.

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

20 ~~((+(a)—[(i)]))~~ (i) Submitting an address change using a
21 registration application or making notification via any non-in-person
22 method that is received by election officials no later than eight
23 days before the day of the primary, special election, or general
24 election; or

25 ~~((+(b)—[(ii)]))~~ (ii) Appearing in person, at ~~((the))~~ a county
26 auditor's office, the division of elections if in a separate city
27 from the county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location
28 designated by the county auditor ~~((in his or her county of
29 residence))~~, no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary,
30 special election, or general election to be in effect for that
31 primary, special election, or general election.

32 ~~((+(c)—[(b)]))~~ (b) A registered voter who fails to update his or
33 her residential address by this deadline may vote according to his or
34 her previous registration address.

35 (3) To register or update a voting address in person at ~~((the))~~ a
36 county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location
37 designated by the county auditor, a person must appear in person at
38 ~~((the))~~ a county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location
39 designated by the county auditor ~~((in the county in which the person
40 resides))~~ at a time when the facility is open and complete the voter

1 registration application by providing the information required by RCW
2 29A.08.010.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** Subject to the availability of amounts
4 appropriated for this specific purpose, the secretary of state may
5 provide grants to county auditors to implement section 10 of this
6 act.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** Sections 7, 8, 18, 20, and 21 of this act
10 take effect September 1, 2023.

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