

Initiative Measure No. 1004

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SECRETARY OF STATE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1 A new section is added to chapter 29A.08 RCW and reads as follows:

(1) An individual who properly completes an application for a new or renewed Washington State driver's license, or identicard, who is eligible to vote under RCW 29A.08.210, must be registered to vote as provided in this section.

(2) The director of the department of licensing, in consultation with the secretary of state shall change the applications for an original, duplicate, renewal, or change of address driver's license, or identicard so that the forms serve as voter registration applications and contain space for all information required by RCW 29A.08.010. Voter Registration collected by the department of licensing shall be transmitted daily by electronic means to the secretary of state. Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, (Public Law 107-252), the computerized driver's license record containing the voter's name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license number, or state identicard number, county, city or town, and signature must be made available for access by the secretary of state and interaction with the statewide voter registration system.

(3) Upon receiving a voter registration application under this section, the secretary of state, in compliance with RCW 29A.08.107, shall determine whether the applicant is currently registered in the statewide voter registration system. If information in an applicant's voter registration form provided under this section differs from that contained in the voter registration system, the secretary of state shall transmit the application within one business day to the county auditor in which the voter resides. If the applicant is not currently registered to vote, the secretary of state shall determine whether the applicant is eligible to vote as provided in this title. If the applicant is eligible to vote in the secretary of state shall transmit the application within one business day to the county auditor in which the voter resides.

(4) The secretary of state and the department of licensing may adopt rules to implement this section.

NEW SECTION. RCW 29A.08.340 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person, who is aged eighteen years or older, and meets all voter eligibility requirements ~~may~~ must register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or change his or her name for voter registration purposes when he or she applies for or renews a driver's license or identification card under chapter 46.20 RCW.

(2) To register to vote, transfer his or her voter registration, or change his or her name for voter registration purposes under this section, the applicant shall provide the information required by RCW 29A.08.210.

(3) The driver licensing agent shall record that the applicant has requested to register to vote or transfer a voter registration.

RCW 46.20.155 is amended to read as follows:

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

~~—"Do you want to register to vote or transfer your voter registration?"~~

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

~~—(1) "Are you a United States citizen?"~~

~~—(2) "Are you or will you be eighteen years of age on or before the next election?"~~

~~—If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions, the agent shall then provide the applicant with a voter registration form and instructions and shall record that the applicant has requested to register to vote or transfer a voter registration. If the applicant answers in the negative to either question, the agent shall not provide the applicant with a voter registration form.)~~ Instruct the applicant to complete the voter registration portion of any form, under section 1 (2) of this act, that is required for issuance or renewal of a license or identicard.

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

NEW SECTION. This act takes effect January 1, 2009

NEW SECTION. This act shall be known and cited as the Universal Voter Registration Act of 2008.