

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1616

By: Representative Love

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION;
TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER
REGISTRATION; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51
OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 5(b)(2), concerning voter registration through the Office of Driver Services and State Revenue Offices, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The Office of Driver Services and State Revenue Offices shall provide voter registration opportunities to those obtaining or renewing drivers licenses, personal identification cards, duplicate or corrected licenses or cards, or changing address or name whether in person or by mail. The Office of Driver Services and State Revenue Offices shall use a computer process, which combines the drivers license and voter registration applications, minimizing duplicative information, and shall have available the federal or state mail voter registration application form, which may be used upon request or when the computer process is not available. If a person declines to apply to register to vote, the Office of Driver Services or State Revenue Office shall retain the record of declination for two (2) years.

(B)(i) The Office of Driver Services and State Revenue Offices shall provide to the Secretary of State electronic records containing



the legal name, age, residence, and citizenship information for and the electronic signature of each person who the Secretary of State determines by rule qualifies to be automatically registered to vote.

(ii) Upon receipt of the electronic record for, and electronic signature of, a person described in subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section, the Secretary of State shall provide the information to the county clerk of the county in which the person may be registered as an elector.

(iii) The Secretary of State or county clerk shall notify each person of the process to:

(a) Decline being registered as an elector;

and

(b) Adopt a political party affiliation.

(iv) If a person notified under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) of this section does not decline to be registered as an elector within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk issues the notification:

(a) The person's electronic record and electronic signature submitted under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section will constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes of this Amendment; and

(b) If the county clerk determines that the person is qualified to vote under this Arkansas Constitution and the person is not already registered to vote, the person is registered to vote.

(v) A county clerk shall not send a ballot to, or add to an elector registration list, a person who meets eligibility requirements until at least twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk provides notice to the person under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) of this section.

(vi) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules:

(a) Identifying the qualifications necessary to be automatically registered to vote; and

(b) Necessary to implement this subdivision (b)(2)(B).