

Automatic Voter Registration



MODEL STATUTORY LANGUAGE

An Act to Automatically Register Eligible Voters

Section 1: SHORT TITLE

This Act shall be called the “Automatic Voter Registration Act of 20XX.”

Section 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Act is to promote the right to vote by automatically registering to vote any eligible resident who provides information to the Department of Transportation, unless that person declines.

Section 3: AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

(a) The Secretary of State shall establish a schedule by which the Department of Transportation shall provide to the secretary electronic records containing the legal name, age, residence and citizenship information for, and the electronic signature of, each person eligible to register to vote.

(b) Upon receiving the electronic record for, and electronic signature of, a person described in subsection (a) 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. The secretary or county clerk shall notify each person of the process to:

- (i) Decline being registered as an elector.
- (ii) Adopt a political party affiliation.

(c) If a person notified under subsection (b) of this section does not decline to be registered as an elector within 21 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk issues the notification, the person’s electronic record and electronic signature submitted under subsection (a) of this section will constitute a completed registration card for the person. The person shall be registered to vote if the county clerk determines that the person is qualified to vote, and the person is not already registered to vote at their current residence.

Section 4: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall survive in full force and effect. If a conflict arises between this Act and any other provision of law, the policies and purposes of this Act shall govern.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act shall go into effect the _____ day of _____ 20____.