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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 4-109.3, as last amended by Section 3,
9 Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section
10 4-109.3), which relates to voter registration;
11 providing for automatic voter registration;
12 authorizing Secretary of the State Election Board to
13 adopt rules; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-109.3, as
16 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2016 (26 O.S. Supp.
17 2016, Section 4-109.3), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 4-109.3 A. When a qualified elector applies for
19 issuance or renewal of an Oklahoma ~~driver's~~ driver license, or
20 issuance of a state identification card issued pursuant to Section
21 6-105 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or for a change of
22 address for driver license purposes, the person shall be asked if he
23 or she wishes to register to vote or to change his or her address
24 for voting purposes. If the person wishes to register to vote or to
change his or her address for voting purposes, the person shall be

1 given a voter registration application which should be completed and
2 signed by the applicant and returned to the official of the motor
3 license agency. If the person declines, he or she shall be given a
4 declination statement with the application form prescribed by the
5 Secretary of the State Election Board which shall be retained by the
6 motor license agency or designated representative of the Department
7 of Public Safety for twenty-four (24) months. All completed voter
8 registration applications shall be transmitted by the motor license
9 agent at the close of business each week to the State Election Board
10 in preaddressed, postage prepaid envelopes provided by the State
11 Election Board. If a person registers or declines to register to
12 vote, the office at which the person submits the voter registration
13 application or the fact that the person declined to register shall
14 remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration
15 purposes.

16 B. Motor license agents shall receive fifty cents (\$0.50) per
17 valid voter registration application or application for change in
18 voter registration taken by themselves and employees of the motor
19 license agent's office taken at the agent's office, payable by the
20 State Election Board.

21 C. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall notify the Secretary of
22 the State Election Board of motor license agent appointments. The
23 Oklahoma Department of Public Safety shall notify the Secretary of
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1 the State Election Board of motor license agents qualified to issue
2 driver licenses.

3 D. The Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized to
4 develop with the Department of Public Safety a system to
5 electronically transmit voter registration applications from motor
6 license agencies to the State Election Board or county election
7 boards. Such system shall be consistent with the requirements for
8 electronic submission of voter registration applications provided in
9 Section 4-109.4 of this title.

10 E. The Secretary of the State Election Board shall develop a
11 system by which the Department of Public Safety and motor license
12 agents shall provide to the Secretary electronic records containing
13 the legal name, age, residence and citizenship information for, and
14 the electronic signature of, each person who is a qualified elector.

15 F. Upon receiving the electronic record for and electronic
16 signature of a qualified elector, the Secretary shall provide the
17 information to the county election board of the county in which the
18 person may be registered as a qualified elector. The Secretary or
19 county election board shall notify each person of the process to:

- 20 1. Decline being registered as a qualified elector; or
21 2. Adopt a political party affiliation.

22 G. If a person notified under subsection F of this section does
23 not decline to be registered as an elector within twenty-one (21)
24 calendar days after the Secretary of State or county clerk issues

1 the notification, the person's electronic record and electronic
2 signature submitted under subsection E of this section shall
3 constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes
4 of this section. The person shall be registered to vote if the
5 county election board determines that the person is a qualified
6 elector and the person is not already registered to vote.

7 H. A county election board shall not send a ballot to, or add
8 to an elector registration list, a person who meets eligibility
9 requirements until at least twenty-one (21) calendar days after the
10 Secretary or county election board provided notification to the
11 person as described in subsection F of this section.

12 I. The Secretary is authorized to adopt rules to implement the
13 requirements of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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