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HOUSE BILL No. 2438

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; imposing
2 restrictions on websites that can accept and transmit voter registration
3 applications.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Any person registering to vote in this state using a
7 website shall only use a website that has the .gov domain as part of such
8 website's uniform resource locator or has been approved to accept and
9 transmit electronic voter registration applications by the secretary of state.
10 County election officials shall not accept any electronic voter registration
11 application that has been accepted by or transmitted from any website that
12 does not satisfy the requirements of this section.

13 (b) A website shall only be approved to accept and transmit electronic
14 voter registration applications by the secretary of state if such website
15 **provides that:**

16 ~~(1) Uses data security methods, including encryption methods, that~~
17 ~~meet industry standards;~~

18 ~~(2) uses electronic communication methods to verify that voter~~
19 ~~registration applications transmitted by such website are received by the~~
20 ~~appropriate county election office; and~~

21 ~~(3) does not sell, share, store or otherwise transmit any information~~
22 ~~provided by the voter registration applicant except to the appropriate~~
23 ~~county election office.~~**All registrant data transmitted through an online**
24 **voter registration system shall be protected using encryption in**
25 **transit;**

26 **(2) encryption protocols shall comply with applicable national**
27 **institute of standards and technology (NIST) standards;**

28 **(3) registrant data shall be transmitted directly to systems owned,**
29 **operated or contractually controlled by the applicable county election**
30 **officer;**

31 **(4) online voter registration systems shall authenticate**

1 connections to ensure that registrant data is transmitted only to
2 authorized government endpoints, {which shall be provided by the
3 secretary of state};

4 (5) the system shall provide confirmation to the registrant that
5 the submission has been successfully received by the applicable county
6 election officer;

7 (6) audit logs shall be maintained documenting submission
8 receipt, system access and data transmission integrity;

9 (7) registrant data collected through an online voter registration
10 system shall be used solely for voter registration and election
11 administration purposes as authorized by law;

12 (8) registrant data shall not be sold, licensed, rented, transferred
13 or used for commercial or nonelection-related purposes; and

14 (9) registrant data shall not be disclosed to any third party
15 except:

16 (A) As required by state or federal law;

17 (B) to another county election officer or the secretary of state for
18 official election administration purposes; or

19 (C) to a contractor acting exclusively on behalf of the county
20 election officer and bound by written agreements requiring
21 compliance with this regulation and applicable NIST standards.

22 (c) (1) It shall be a violation of this section ~~to register to vote~~
23 ~~through a website that is not compliant with subsection (a) or (b)~~ for
24 any person or group to operate a voter registration website that is not
25 in compliance with this section.

26 (2) Violations of this section shall be a class A nonperson
27 misdemeanor.

28 ~~—On or before January 1, 2027, (d)~~ The secretary of state shall adopt
29 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
31 publication in the Kansas register of the rules and regulations adopted
32 by the secretary of state to implement this section and its publication in
33 the statute book.