

HOUSE BILL No. 2617

By Committee on Government, Technology and Security

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; related to data security; concerning voter
2 registration.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "interstate voter registration
6 crosscheck program" means activities primarily conducted by the Kansas
7 secretary of state relating to the storage and review of voter identification
8 records from states other than Kansas.

9 (b) The secretary of state shall not use its discretionary budget to fund
10 the interstate voter registration crosscheck program. The secretary shall
11 provide an annual accounting to the legislature of all revenue and
12 expenditures related to the interstate voter registration crosscheck
13 program.

14 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations that require
15 member states of the interstate voter registration crosscheck program to
16 reimburse the secretary for the cost of the program.

17 (d) The secretary of state shall enter into a purchase agreement for
18 information technology insurance with regard to any data collected under
19 the interstate voter registration crosscheck program.

20 (e) Expenditures or grants of money by the secretary of state used to
21 fund the interstate voter registration crosscheck program must be
22 specifically appropriated by the legislature.

23 Sec. 2. (a) The secretary of state shall enter into an agreement with
24 the electronic registration information center effective no later than
25 January 1, 2019, for the purpose of maintaining a statewide voter
26 registration database. The electronic registration information center shall
27 provide an interstate voter registration program for the state of Kansas.
28 The secretary shall comply with the requirements of the electronic
29 registration information center membership agreement. The secretary shall
30 require a term in the electronic registration information membership
31 agreement that requires the state to share identification records collected
32 by the secretary, excluding those fields unrelated to voter eligibility, such
33 as income or health information.

34 (b) Any communication required to be delivered to a voter registrant
35 or potential voter registrant pursuant to the electronic registration
36 information center membership agreement shall include at least the

1 following statement:

2 "Our records show that a person or persons at this address may not be
3 registered to vote at this address, but may be eligible to register to vote or
4 re-register to vote at this address.

5 If you are a United States citizen, a resident of Kansas, and will be 18
6 years old or older before the next general election in November, you are
7 qualified to vote.

8 We invite you to check your registration online at (enter URL) or
9 register to vote online at (enter URL), by requesting a mail-in voter
10 registration form by (enter instructions for requesting a mail-in voter
11 registration form), or visiting the (name of election authority) office
12 (address of election authority)."

13 The words "register to vote online at (enter URL)" shall be bolded and
14 of a distinct nature from the other words in the message required by this
15 subsection (b).

16 (c) Any communication required to be delivered to a potential voter
17 registrant who has been identified by the electronic registration
18 information center as eligible to vote, but who is not registered to vote in
19 Kansas, shall be prepared and disseminated at the direction of the secretary
20 of state. All other communications with registrants or potential registrants
21 pursuant to the electronic registration center membership agreement shall
22 be prepared and at the direction of the appropriate election officer.

23 (d) The secretary of state or the secretary's designee shall serve as the
24 member representative to the electronic registration information center.

25 (e) The secretary of state may adopt any rules and regulations
26 necessary to enforce this act and comply with the electronic registration
27 information center membership agreement.

28 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
29 publication in the statute book.