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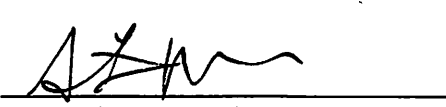

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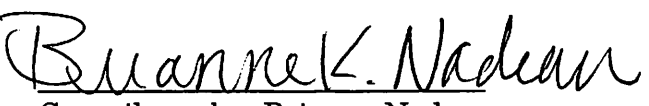

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the Board of Elections to accept electronic registration information from the Department of Motor Vehicles, and to use this information to register voters and maintain up-to-date voter rolls, provided that each person has an opportunity to opt out of automatic registration; and to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Amendment Act, 1925 to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide the Board of Elections with electronic records containing the legal name, age, residence, and citizenship information and electronic signature of each person who may qualify as a qualified elector.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Automatic Voter Registration Amendment Act of 2015".

Sec. 2. Section 7 of the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07) is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a)(2) is amended to read as follows:

"(a)(2)(A) He or she executes an application to register to vote by signature or mark (unless prevented by physical disability) on a form approved pursuant to subsection (b) of

44 this section or by the Federal Election Commission attesting that he or she meets the
45 requirements as a qualified elector, and if he or she desires to vote in party election, this
46 form shall indicate his or her political party affiliation; or

47 “(B) He or she applies for a DMV-issued identification, pursuant to subsection
48 (c) of this section; and”.

49 (b) Subsection (c)(1) is amended as follows:

50 (1) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “District of
51 Columbia, unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration portion of the
52 application.” and inserting the phrase “District of Columbia.” in its place.

53 (2) Subparagraph (B) is amended to read as follows:

54 “(B) The DMV application form shall contain the necessary information for:

55 “(i) The issuance, renewal, or correction of the applicant's driver's
56 permit or nondriver's identification card; and

57 “(ii) Means for the applicant to:

58 “(I) State whether the applicant is a citizen of the United
59 States;

60 “(II) Indicate a choice of party affiliation, if any;

61 “(III) Provide a mailing address, if mail is not received at the
62 residence address;

63 “(IV) Indicate the last address of voter registration, if known;

64 and

65 “(V) Decline to register to vote.”.

66 (3) Subparagraph (D) is amended by striking the phrase “change of address
67 or name unless the applicant states on the combined portion of the form that the change of

68 address or name is not for voter registration purposes.” and inserting the phrase “change of
69 address or name.” in its place.

70 (4) Subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G) are repealed.

71 (5) Subparagraph (H) is amended to read as follows:

72 “(H)(i) The Board shall by rule establish a schedule by which the DMV shall
73 provide to the Board electronic records containing the legal name, age, residence, and
74 citizenship information for, and the electronic signature of, each citizen who did not decline
75 to register to vote pursuant to subparagraph (B)(ii)(V) of this paragraph, provided that the
76 deadline for transmission of the electronic records to the Board shall be not later than 10
77 days after the date of acceptance by the DMV.

78 “(ii) When an application is accepted within 5 days before the last day for
79 registration to vote in an election, the application shall be transmitted to the Board not
80 later than 5 days after the date of its acceptance.”.

81 (6) Subparagraph (I) is amended by striking the phrase “An application to
82 register to vote or for change of address, party, or name” and inserting the phrase “An
83 application” in its place.

84 (7) Subparagraph (J) is repealed.

85 (c) Subsection (e) is amended as follows:

86 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “from any applicant” and
87 inserting the phrase “from any applicant or from the DMV of the electronic record for, and
88 electronic signature of, an applicant, as described in subsection (c)(1)(H) of this section,” in
89 its place.

90 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended by designating the existing text as
91 subparagraph (A) and inserting a new subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

92 “(B) For applications received from the DMV as described in

93 subsection (c)(1)(H) of this section, the notification shall also include information on the
94 process to decline registration and to adopt a political party affiliation, if one was not
95 designated on the DMV application.”.

96 Sec. 3. Section 7(a-1) of the District of Columbia Traffic Amendment Act, 1925,
97 approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1121; D.C. Official Code § 50-1401.01(a-1)) is amended to
98 read as follows:

99 “(a-1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide to the Board of Elections
100 electronic records containing the legal name, age, residence, and citizenship information
101 for, and the electronic signature of, each citizen who did not decline to register to vote.”.

102 Sec. 4. Rulemaking.

103 The Board may adopt rules required to implement this section.

104 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

105 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
106 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
107 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

108 Sec. 6. Effective date.

109 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
110 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
111 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
112 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the
113 District of Columbia Register.