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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person must complete a
9 voter registration application in order to register
10 to vote.

11 This bill would provide for automatic voter
12 registration of qualified persons who apply for or
13 renew a driver's license or nondriver
14 identification card.

15 This bill would provide for automatic
16 updates in voter registration when a person changes
17 the address on his or her driver's license.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 Relating to voter registration; to provide for
24 automatic voter registration of qualified persons who apply
25 for or renew a driver's license or nondriver identification
26 card; and to provide for automatic updates in voter

1 registration when a person changes the address on his or her
2 driver's license.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) The Secretary of State and the
5 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall establish a program
6 by which the agency provides the secretary with electronic
7 records derived from the issuance and renewal of driver's
8 licenses and nondriver identification cards, for the purposes
9 of automatic voter registration. The program shall provide for
10 the conveyance of information, including, but not limited to,
11 the legal name, age, residence, and citizenship information
12 for, and the electronic signature of, each person who, at the
13 time he or she seeks to procure or renew a driver's license or
14 nondriver identification card, has reached the age of 17 years
15 and six months.

16 (b) Upon receiving the electronic record and
17 electronic signature of a person described in subsection (a),
18 the Secretary of State shall provide the information to the
19 board of registrars of the county in which the person may be
20 registered as an elector; provided, however, the Secretary of
21 State may delay providing the information of any person who
22 has not reached the age of 18 until he or she turns 18. The
23 person's electronic record and electronic signature constitute
24 a completed registration application for purposes of Section
25 17-3-52, Code of Alabama 1975. If the board determines that
26 the person is qualified to vote under Article 8 of the
27 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, and under state law and the

1 person is not already registered to vote, the person shall be
2 registered and the board of registrars shall issue a
3 certificate of registration to the elector; provided, however,
4 a board may not register a person to vote during the 14-day
5 period prior to any election.

6 (c) Notice of the automatic voter registration
7 program shall be provided at every location where driver's
8 licenses and nondriver identification cards are issued or
9 renewed.

10 (d) If an elector changes his or her address when
11 renewing a driver's license, the new address shall be provided
12 to the appropriate board of registrars and a new certificate
13 of registration shall be issued to the elector, if
14 appropriate.

15 (e) Nothing in this section shall affect the
16 authority of the Secretary of State or a board of registrars
17 to determine whether an applicant is qualified pursuant to
18 Section 17-3-52, Code of Alabama 1975, or to maintain and
19 update voter registration lists in accordance with Chapter 4,
20 Title 17, Code of Alabama 1975.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
22 first day of the third month following its passage and
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.