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A BILL

25-752

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to make technical changes to automatic voter registration procedures and requirements for back-end automatic voter registration in the District.

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 2024”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 7(c)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07-(c)(1)) is amended as follows:

(1) Subparagraph (B)(i) is amended by striking the phrase “card by a person who is not already registered to vote or preregistered to vote in the District” and inserting the word “card” in its place.

(2) Subparagraph (F) is amended as follows:

(A) Sub-subparagraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) are amended to read as follows:

“(i) If a person submits a change of name or address notice to the DMV, such application shall be considered notification to the Board of the change of name or address. If the person who submits the notice is already registered or preregistered to vote or on the preapproved for registration list, and the information provided in the notice differs from the

28 person's name, residence address, or mailing address on the voter roll or preapproved for
29 registration list, the Board shall use the information provided in the notice to update the person's
30 record pursuant to sub-subparagraph (iv) of this subparagraph.

31 “(ii) If the Board determines that information transmitted by the
32 DMV pursuant to subparagraph (c)(1)(D) of this section, section 7b(a) or by the Department of
33 Health Care Finance pursuant to section 7b(b), indicates that a person who is already registered
34 or preregistered to vote or who is on the preapproved for registration list has supplied a name,
35 residence address, or mailing address to the DMV or the Department of Health Care Finance that
36 differs from the person's name, residence address, or mailing address on file with the Board, the
37 Board shall use the information provided by the DMV or the Department of Health Care Finance
38 to update the person's record pursuant to sub-subparagraph (iv) of this subparagraph.

39 “(iii) If the Board determines that information transmitted by a
40 government agency designated pursuant to section 7b(c) or separately designated pursuant to
41 subsection (c)(1)(A) of this section indicates that a person who is already registered or
42 preregistered to vote or who is on the preapproved for registration list has supplied a name,
43 residence address, or mailing address as part of a transaction with the agency that differs from
44 the person's name, residence address, or mailing address on file with the Board, the Board shall
45 use the information provided by the agency to update the person's record pursuant to sub-
46 subparagraph (iv) of this subparagraph.”

47 (B) Sub-paragraph (iv) is amended by striking the phrase “shall change the
48 voter roll or preapproved for registration list to reflect the change of name or address” and

49 inserting the phrase “shall update the voter roll or preapproved for registration list to reflect the
50 change of name, residence address, or mailing address” in its place.

51 (C) Sub-subparagraph (v) is amended to read as follows:

52 “(v) If the person returns the form described in sub-subparagraph (iv)
53 of this subparagraph and indicates that the change to the voter roll or preapproved for registration
54 list was in error, the Board shall immediately correct the person’s previously updated
55 information in the voter roll or preapproved for registration list.”.

56 (3) Subparagraph (J) is repealed.

57 (4) Subparagraph (L) is amended by striking the phrase “in this subsection,” and
58 inserting the phrase “in this subsection and section 7b,” in its place.

59 (b) Section 7b (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07b) is amended as follows:

60 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “to vote, is not already
61 registered to vote in the District, and” and inserting the phrase “to vote, and” in its place.

62 (2) Subsection (d)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “the District, upon” and
63 inserting the phrase “the District or has already been added to the preapproved for registration
64 list, upon” in its place.

65 Sec. 3. Applicability.

66 This act shall apply as of July 1, 2025.

67 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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68 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
69 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
70 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

71 Sec. 5. Effective date.

72 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
73 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
74 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
75 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).