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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1178

DIGEST OF HB 1178 (Updated March 27, 2017 11:32 am - DI 102)

Citations Affected: IC 9-14.1.

Synopsis: Voter registration opportunity for all motor vehicle transactions. Provides that when an individual transacts business with a license branch, other than for a motor vehicle driver's license, permit, or identification card, the license branch employee assisting the individual shall ask the individual whether the individual wants to register to vote or change the individual's voter registration record. Provides that, if the individual is provided with a paper voter registration application form by the license branch employee, the individual, rather than the license branch, is responsible for filing the form with the appropriate county voter registration office.

Effective: January 1, 2018.

Kersey, Smith M, Richardson, Judy
(SENATE SPONSORS — BECKER, FORD, NIEZGODSKI)

January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

February 16, 2017, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 21, 2017, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

February 22, 2017, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 94, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.

March 27, 2017, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-14.1-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
2 SECTION 195, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018]: Sec. 2. **(a)** License branches shall
4 offer voter registration services under this chapter, in addition to
5 providing a voter registration application as a part of an application for
6 a motor vehicle driver's license, permit, or identification card under
7 IC 9-24-2.5 and 52 U.S.C. 20504.

8 **(b) Whenever an individual transacts any business with the**
9 **bureau of motor vehicles in person other than a transaction**
10 **described in subsection (a), the license branch employee assisting**
11 **the individual with the transaction shall ask the individual whether**
12 **the individual wants to register to vote or change the individual's**
13 **voter registration record by submitting a paper voter registration**
14 **application.**

15 **(c) If an individual described in subsection (b) wants to register**
16 **to vote or change the individual's voter registration record, the**
17 **license branch employee shall provide the individual with the**

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1 **appropriate form to register to vote or to change the individual's**
2 **voter registration record.**

3 **(d) If an individual accepts a form under subsection (c), the**
4 **individual must mail or deliver the form to the appropriate county**
5 **voter registration office in order to apply to register to vote or**
6 **change the individual's voter registration record.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Bill 1178, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 9-14.1-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016, SECTION 195, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 2. **(a)** License branches shall offer voter registration services under this chapter, in addition to providing a voter registration application as a part of an application for a motor vehicle driver's license, permit, or identification card under IC 9-24-2.5 and 52 U.S.C. 20504.

(b) Whenever an individual transacts any business with the bureau of motor vehicles other than a transaction described in subsection (a), the license branch employee assisting the individual shall ask the individual whether the individual wants to register to vote or change the individual's voter registration record.

(c) If an individual described in subsection (b) wants to register to vote or change the individual's voter registration record, the license branch employee shall provide the individual with the appropriate form to register to vote or to change the individual's voter registration record."

Delete pages 2 through 9.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1178 as introduced.)

SMITH M

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1178 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "JULY" and insert "JANUARY".

(Reference is to HB 1178 as printed February 17, 2017.)

SMITH M

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred House Bill No. 1178, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "vehicles" insert **"in person"**.

Page 1, line 10, after "individual" insert **"with the transaction"**.

Page 1, line 12, after "record" delete "." and insert **"by submitting a paper voter registration application."**

Page 1, after line 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(d) If an individual accepts a form under subsection (c), the individual must mail or deliver the form to the appropriate county voter registration office in order to apply to register to vote or change the individual's voter registration record."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1178 as reprinted February 22, 2017.)

WALKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0.

