

HOUSE BILL 954

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to registering to vote on the day of an
election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-112, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(h)

(1) Notwithstanding § 2-2-109 or any other law to the contrary, any person eligible to vote in an election under this title may register to vote on the day of the election, including any days of early voting, by completing and submitting to an election official a voter registration application form, which must be made available at all polling places by county election commissions. To obtain a voter registration application form, the eligible person shall provide a valid driver license or photo identification card, and other proof of eligibility as may be prescribed in rules promulgated by the state election commission.

(2) Any person who is already registered to vote and who remains eligible to vote in this state may update or correct any outdated information in the person's voting record on the day of the election, or on any day of early voting, on a form prescribed by the state election commission.

(3) Any person who registers to vote under subdivision (h)(1) or updates the person's voter information under subdivision (h)(2) must be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

(4) The state election commission shall prescribe rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, prescribing the procedure by which a person may register to vote and update the person's voter information under this subsection (h). Rules prescribed under this subdivision (h)(4) must specify the forms of identification and other proof of eligibility that may be presented for purposes of voting under this subsection (h).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for the purposes of prescribing rules, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, for all other purposes, the public welfare requiring it.