

HB 1594 -- AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

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The bill requires the Secretary of State to enable a system for automatic voter registration by January 1, 2022, that will make use of driver's license information from the Department of Revenue to register voters. Those eligible for registration will receive notice and a chance to decline registration. Local election authorities will retain the ability to screen voters for eligibility, to conduct notice for registration, and to remove ineligible voters from registration lists. Local election authorities shall provide notice and a postcard process for individuals who wish to decline voter registration.

Those eligible to vote upon release from incarceration, probation, and parole are included in the automatic voter registration process and the Board of Probation and Parole is required to provide the requisite information to the Secretary of State's office.

The bill is subject to appropriation for the purpose of automatic voter registration.

This bill is the same as HB 731 (2019).