

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

BY RUBEL

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; AMENDING SEC-
2 TION 34-404, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE ELEC-
3 TORS AT DRIVER'S LICENSING OFFICES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION OF
4 MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL FORWARD REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF
5 THE COUNTY CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
6 DATE.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
10 "Motor Voter Act."

11 SECTION 2. That Section 34-404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
12 amended to read as follows:

13 34-404. REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS -- POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION --
14 UNAFFILIATED DESIGNATION. (1) All electors must register before being able
15 to vote at any primary, general, special, school or any other election gov-
16 erned by the provisions of title 34, Idaho Code. Registration of a qualified
17 person occurs when a legible, accurate and complete registration applica-
18 tion and proof of identity and residence are received in the office of the
19 county clerk or at the polls pursuant to section 34-408(3), 34-408A, or
20 34-1012, Idaho Code.

21 (2) The Idaho transportation department, through the division of motor
22 vehicles and its driver's licensing offices, shall register to vote each
23 eligible elector who applies for the issuance, renewal, or correction of any
24 type of driver's license pursuant to chapter 3, title 49, Idaho Code, or for
25 an identification card pursuant to sections 49-2442 and 49-2443, Idaho Code,
26 by completing a registration application provided for in subsection (1) of
27 this section for the eligible elector. Each driver's licensing office shall
28 forward completed registration applications to the office of the county
29 clerk on a weekly basis and on the business day prior to the closing of regis-
30 tration. Registration applications remitted during closure of registration
31 shall be held pursuant to section 34-408, Idaho Code. The division of motor
32 vehicles shall provide for an elector to opt out of registration provided for
33 in this subsection.

34 ~~(2)~~ (3) Each elector may select on the registration application an af-
35 filiation with a political party qualified to participate in elections pur-
36 suant to section 34-501, Idaho Code, or may select to be designated as unaf-
37 filiated. The county clerk shall record the party affiliation or unaffili-
38 ated designation so selected as part of the elector's registration record.
39 If an elector shall fail or refuse to make such a selection, the county clerk
40 shall enter on the registration records that such elector is unaffiliated.

1 ~~(3)~~ (4) In order to provide an elector with the appropriate primary
2 election ballot, pursuant to section 34-904A, Idaho Code, the poll book for
3 primary elections shall include the party affiliation or designation as
4 unaffiliated for each elector so registered. An unaffiliated elector shall
5 declare to the poll worker which primary election ballot the elector chooses
6 to vote in, pursuant to section 34-904A, Idaho Code, and the poll worker or
7 other authorized election personnel shall record such declaration in the
8 poll book. The poll book shall contain checkoff boxes to allow the poll
9 worker or other authorized election personnel to record such unaffiliated
10 elector's selection.

11 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
13 July 1, 2025.