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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 339

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPEALING SECTION 34-433, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO MONTHLY CORRECTION OF ELECTION REGISTER FROM REPORTED DEATHS; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-433, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTION 39-270, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature that 10 only eligible citizens may vote in the United States of America. Addition-11 ally, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Secretary of State must 12 strive to maintain the accuracy and integrity of Idaho's statewide registra-13 14 tion system, ensure that only eligible Idaho voters are registered to vote in Idaho, and cooperate with other governmental entities to prevent and fight 15 against voter fraud in the United States. For the sole purpose of achieving 16 the legislative intent, the Secretary of State shall request, receive, and 17 utilize data specified in this act. 18

19 SECTION 2. That Section <u>34-433</u>, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 20 repealed.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 4, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and des ignated as Section 34-433, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

34-433. ACCURACY OF VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION. (1) In order tomaintain the accuracy of voter registration records in Idaho:

(a) The following state entities shall furnish to the secretary of
 state on or about the twenty-fifth day of each month all data relevant to
 determining the accuracy of voter registrations as follows:

The department of health and welfare shall furnish a list-29 (i) ing showing the legal name, date of birth, county of residence, 30 and residence address of each Idaho resident who has died during 31 the preceding month, and all other data relevant to determining 32 the accuracy of voter registrations, including but not limited to 33 age information, social security numbers, driver's license num-34 35 bers, and citizenship information, including United States customs and immigration services numbers or alien registration num-36 bers if available, of any person included in its records; 37 38 (ii) The department of transportation shall furnish a listing

showing driver's license and state identification address changes
 and new driver's license and state identification issuances, in cluding photographs and digital signatures, and all other data

relevant to determining the accuracy of voter registrations, including but not limited to legal names, dates of birth, age information, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, residence addresses, and citizenship information, including United States customs and immigration services numbers or alien registration numbers if available, of any person included in its records; and

(iii) The department of correction shall furnish a listing showing the legal names, dates of birth, conviction statuses, probation or parole data, former counties of residence, and former residence addresses of all offenders in its custody, in addition to all other data relevant to determining the accuracy of voter registrations, including but not limited to age information, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, residence addresses, and citizenship information, including United States customs and immigration services numbers or alien registration numbers if available, of any person in its custody; and

(b) The secretary of state shall:

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(i) Annually, but no later than December 31 of each year, request from the state tax commission a listing showing the legal names, dates of birth, residence addresses, residence changes, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, citizenship statuses, alien registration numbers, and homestead exemption records of any person included in its records. Once requested, the tax commission shall furnish such information no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the request;

(ii) Biannually, but no later than February 1 and July 31 of each 27 year, request from the federal government any data available 28 and relevant to assist in ensuring the integrity and accuracy 29 of Idaho's voter registration information. Such data requested 30 may include but shall not be limited to legal names, dates of 31 birth, residence addresses, residence changes, social security 32 numbers, driver's license numbers, citizenship statuses and ver-33 ifications, death records, United States customs and immigration 34 services numbers, alien registration numbers, and all available 35 information contained in the systematic alien verification for 36 entitlements database administered by the United States depart-37 ment of homeland security and criminal conviction records; 38

(iii) On a monthly basis, request from the United States social security administration any data relevant to assist in ensuring the
integrity and accuracy of voter registration information, including but not limited to data available from the help America vote
verification information system maintained by the social security
administration;

(iv) At any time and at the discretion of the secretary of state,
request from the federal government, including but not limited to
the United States department of homeland security, the offices of
the United States attorneys, the social security administration,
and United States postal service, any data available and relevant that would assist in ensuring the integrity of Idaho's voter

registration information, verify voter eligibility, and verify United States citizenship status, including but not limited to dates of birth, driver's license numbers, addresses, United States customs and immigration services numbers, alien registration numbers, and death records; and

At any time and at the discretion of the secretary of state, (v) request from any entity, including cities, counties, state entities, other states, and third-party data providers any information that would assist in ensuring the integrity of Idaho's voter registration information, verify voter eligibility, and ver-10 ify United States citizenship status, including dates of birth, 11 driver's license numbers, addresses, and death records. Entities 12 located in or subject to the jurisdiction of Idaho subject to the 13 provisions of this subparagraph shall comply within thirty (30) 14 days of the secretary of state's request. 15

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16 (2) The secretary of state may enter into cooperative compacts and agreements with other states or groups of states to compare voter lists, to 17 identify individuals who are registered to vote in more than one (1) state, 18 to maintain the accuracy of voter lists, and to determine the current res-19 20 idence of each such individual to verify such individual's eligibility to 21 remain registered to vote in Idaho. The secretary of state is authorized to contract with commercial data providers, including but not limited to 22 23 credit agencies and commercial data providers, to assist the secretary of state's efforts in verifying and auditing information in voter registration 24 lists, including but not limited to citizenship status and residence. All 25 sensitive personal data, such as driver's license numbers, social security 26 27 numbers, and dates of birth, shall be protected from public disclosure ex-28 cept as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code.

(3) (a) No later than ninety (90) days before a statewide election, the 29 secretary of state shall review all new voter registration data re-30 ceived since the previous statewide election and verify the accuracy 31 of the new voter registration data by comparing such against the data 32 provided by the systematic alien verification for entitlements program 33 operated by the United States department of homeland security. 34

After completing any comparisons of the information provided in 35 (b) paragraph (a) of this subsection, the secretary of state shall sort 36 all statewide voter registration information by county and furnish a 37 copy of the same to each county clerk along with all relevant informa-38 tion concerning voter eligibility of individuals in each county. Each 39 county clerk shall immediately review the information and initiate can-40 cellations of all registrations of individuals reported as deceased or 41 determined to be ineligible to vote. 42

(c) The secretary of state and county clerks shall conduct routine re-43 views of the voter registration records within the statewide voter reg-44 istration system to identify any anomalies, such as duplicate registra-45 tions, registrations at business addresses, large numbers of registra-46 tions at a single address, and correct districting information. 47

The secretary of state shall, in conjunction with the county 48 (4) clerks, make an annual report to the legislature regarding voter registra-49

tion maintenance actions performed by them, and provide recommendations to the legislature to improve and ensure an effective list maintenance process.

3 SECTION 4. That Section 39-270, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 4 amended to read as follows:

5 39-270. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. (a) Certificates and records in 6 the custody of the state registrar shall be open to inspection subject to 7 the provisions of this chapter and the rules of the board, the provisions of 8 section 74-102, Idaho Code, to the contrary notwithstanding; and it shall 9 be unlawful for any state or local official or employee under this chapter 10 to disclose any data contained in the records, except as authorized by this 11 chapter and the rules of the board.

12 (b) A complete copy, or any part of a certificate, may be issued to any applicant who can show direct and tangible interest in the record for which 13 he applies. A complete copy, or any part of a certificate, shall be issued 14 upon request or at the direction of the state registrar to a state, federal 15 16 or local public agency for child protection and child support enforcement purposes or for the purpose of investigation of fraud. Subject to such pro-17 visions as the board may prescribe, data contained on records may be used 18 by federal, state or municipal agencies for the purpose of verification of 19 data. 20

(c) As provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code, data contained on records may be used for research, public health or statistical purposes. No lists of registration shall be compiled for public use, except as provided in section 34-433(2), Idaho Code.

(d) The manner of keeping local records and the use thereof shall beprescribed by the board, in keeping with the provisions of this section.

(e) When one hundred (100) years have elapsed after the date of birth,
or fifty (50) years have elapsed after the date of death, stillbirth, marriage or divorce, the records of these events in the custody of the state registrar shall become public records and information shall be made available
in accordance with chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code.

32 SECTION 5. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
 33 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
 34 July 1, 2025.