

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 488

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TI-  
2 TLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-409, IDAHO CODE,  
3 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as "The  
7 Online Voter Registration Act."

8 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
10 ignated as Section 34-409, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 34-409. ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION. (1) The office of the secretary of  
12 state shall create and maintain an electronic system for voter registra-  
13 tion that is publicly available on its official website. Any elector who  
14 has a current valid driver's license or identification card issued pursuant  
15 to title 49, Idaho Code, may register by submitting a completed voter reg-  
16 istration application electronically on such website. Electronic voter  
17 registration applications shall be in a form prescribed by the secretary of  
18 state, shall require the information under oath or affirmation set forth  
19 in section 34-411, Idaho Code, shall provide notice of the requirement to  
20 provide personal identification before voting at the polls as set forth in  
21 section 34-1113, Idaho Code, and shall require an electronic signature of  
22 the applicant. The secretary of state shall obtain a digital copy of the ap-  
23 plicant's driver's license or identification card signature from the Idaho  
24 transportation department. Electronic voter registration applications  
25 must be submitted before the close of registration as provided in section  
26 34-408, Idaho Code.

27 (2) Upon receipt of a completed voter registration application and a  
28 digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card  
29 signature from the Idaho transportation department, the secretary of state  
30 shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in which the  
31 applicant resides. The county clerk shall prepare and issue by first class  
32 nonforwardable mail to each elector registering electronically a verifi-  
33 cation of registration containing the name and residence of the elector and  
34 the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides. If a veri-  
35 fication is returned undeliverable, then the county clerk shall remove the  
36 elector from the register of electors.

37 (3) An applicant using the electronic system for voter registration  
38 pursuant to this section shall not be required to complete a printed regis-  
39 tration card.

1           (4) The secretary of state may use additional security measures to en-  
2       sure the accuracy and integrity of an electronically submitted voter regis-  
3       tration application.