



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 69

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the State Board of Elections

1 **An Act to provide for an electronic system to update voter registration information.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That chapter 12-4 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

4 A person currently registered to vote with voter information contained within the
 5 master registration file under § 12-4-9, who has a valid South Dakota driver license or
 6 South Dakota nondriver identification card, may submit changes to their voter registration
 7 form electronically through an electronic voter registration interface maintained by the
 8 Office of the Secretary of State, as provided in section 2 of this Act. For the purpose of
 9 accurate voter registration records, an applicant may submit changes of last name,
 10 residence address, mailing address, telephone number, email address, previous voter
 11 registration information, party affiliation, and willingness to serve as an election worker.

12 Any applicant updating voter registration information under this section must make
 13 a sworn written statement declaring and affirming, under the penalty of perjury, that the
 14 applicant is currently registered to vote with voter information contained within the master
 15 registration file under § 12-4-9, and that the applicant consents to providing the requested
 16 information under this section. This statement may be made electronically as part of the
 17 process of utilizing the electronic voter registration interface.

18 **Section 2. That chapter 12-4 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

19 The electronic voter registration interface must:

20 (1) Authenticate the identity of any applicant under a process developed by the
 21 secretary of state that includes verifying the following information with the driver
 22 license database maintained by the Department of Public Safety:

23 (a) The applicant's valid South Dakota driver license or South Dakota nondriver
 24 identification card number;

25 (b) The last five digits of the applicant's social security number;

1 (c) The applicant's full name as printed on the applicant's South Dakota driver
2 license or South Dakota nondriver identification card; and

3 (d) The applicant's date of birth;

4 (2) Obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from the applicant's South
5 Dakota driver license or South Dakota nondriver identification card from the driver
6 license database maintained by the department. For voter registration purposes,
7 the applicant shall be required to assent to the use of the applicant's signature
8 from his or her South Dakota driver license or South Dakota nondriver identification
9 card; and

10 (3) Transmit any completed and verified voter registration updates to the master voter
11 registration file.

12 **Section 3.** This Act is effective January 1, 2023.