**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7‑5‑185 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO REGISTER TO VOTE ELECTRONICALLY ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THIS TYPE OF REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 7 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 7‑5‑185. (A) A person who is qualified to register to vote and who has a valid South Carolina driver’s license or state identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles may submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Internet Website of the State Election Commission.

(B)(1) An affidavit submitted pursuant to this section is effective upon receipt of the affidavit by the State Election Commission if the affidavit is received by the fifteenth day before an election to be held in the precinct of the person submitting the affidavit.

(2) The affiant shall attest to the truth of the information provided in the affidavit.

(3) For voter registration purposes, the applicant shall assent to the use of his signature from his driver’s license or state identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(4) For each electronic affidavit, the State Election Commission shall obtain an electronic copy of the applicant’s signature from his driver’s license or state identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles directly from the Department of Motor Vehicles with no fee.

(5) The State Election Commission requires a person who submits an affidavit pursuant to this section to include:

(a) the number of the applicant’s South Carolina driver’s license or state identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(b) applicant’s date of birth;

(c) the last four digits of the applicant’s social security number; and

(d) other information the State Election Commission considers necessary to establish the identity of the affiant.

(C) Upon submission of an affidavit pursuant to this section, the electronic voter registration system shall provide immediate verification that the:

(1) applicant has a South Carolina driver’s license or state identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and that the number for that driver’s license or identification card provided by the applicant matched the number for that person’s driver’s license or state identification card that is on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(2) date of birth provided by the applicant matches the date of birth for that person that is on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

(3) State Election Commission employs security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter registration affidavits submitted electronically pursuant to this section.

(D) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall utilized the electronic voter registration system required by this section to comply with its duties and responsibilities as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

(E) The State Election Commission may promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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