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1 AN ACT Relating to voter registration; and amending RCW 29.08.080
2 and 46.20.155.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.08.080 and 1993 c 434 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The secretary of state shall furnish registration forms necessary
7 to carry out the registration of voters as provided by this chapter
8 without cost to the respective counties. (~~However, costs incurred by~~
9 ~~the secretary of state during 1994 and 1995 in the printing and~~
10 ~~distribution of voter registration forms shall be reimbursed by the~~
11 ~~counties. This cost shall be considered an election cost under RCW~~
12 ~~29.13.045 and be prorated as part of the 1994 and 1995 general election~~
13 ~~costs.))~~

14 All newly printed voter registration forms must include clear and
15 conspicuous language designed to draw an applicant's attention stating
16 that only citizens of the United States may register to vote. Similar
17 language must be stamped conspicuously onto existing voter registration
18 forms in the possession of the office of the secretary of state.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.155 and 1990 c 143 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Before issuing an original license or identification card or
4 renewing a license or identification card under this chapter, the
5 licensing agent shall determine if the applicant wants to register to
6 vote or transfer his or her voter registration by asking the following
7 as a single question:

8 "Are you a United States citizen and do you want to register to
9 vote or transfer your voter registration?".

10 If the applicant (~~(chooses to register or transfer a registration)~~)
11 responds in the affirmative, the agent shall provide the applicant with
12 a voter registration form and instructions and shall record that the
13 applicant has requested to register to vote or transfer a voter
14 registration.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
17 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
18 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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