

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6324

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Directing a statewide voter registration data base.

Sponsors: Senators Gardner, Horn, T. Sheldon, Roach, McCaslin, Winsley and Hale; by request of Secretary of State.

Senate Committee on State & Local Government
House Committee on State Government

Background: Voter registration data bases are maintained at the county level. Some legislators have recognized that statewide voter registration systems are important tools for protecting the integrity of elections.

Summary: The Secretary of State must work with county auditors and voter registration experts to design and initiate the creation of a statewide voter registration data base. At a minimum, the voter registration data base must be designed to identify duplicate and suspected duplicate voters; screen against the Department of Corrections data base to aid in the cancellation of voter registration of felons; provide up-to-date signatures of voters for the purposes of initiative signature checking; provide for a comparison between the Department of Licensing change of address data base and the voter registration data base; provide online access to county auditors for real time duplicate checking and update capabilities; provide for cancellation of voter registration for persons who have moved to other states and surrendered their Washington drivers' licenses; and ensure that each county maintains legal control of the registration records for that county.

The Secretary of State must report its findings to the Legislature by February 1, 2003.

The act expires January 1, 2005.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47 0
House	96 0

Effective: May 1, 2002