

HB 3297 - DIGEST

Provides that, in addition to the requirements of RCW 29A.08.010, the form of registration provided by the secretary of state or county auditor must include a statement that the applicant must submit a legible copy of a document proving United States citizenship and a copy of a valid photo identification card with the application and that the county auditor or secretary of state must reject the application if the applicant fails to provide either.

Requires that after a person has submitted satisfactory proof of citizenship and valid photo identification, the county auditor or secretary of state shall indicate this information in the person's permanent voter file. After two years, the county auditor or secretary of state may destroy all documents that were submitted as proof of citizenship.

Requires county auditors to provide information on the valid photo identification and proof of citizenship requirements of chapter 29A.08 RCW and RCW 29A.44.205 to residents in their counties. To assist county auditors, the state will provide matching funds to a county auditor who has created a voter outreach program that provides this information.

Requires the secretary of state to include in his or her biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this act. The provision of matching funds for voter outreach must be from appropriations specifically provided by law for that purpose.