

**SB 6313 - S AMD 1018**

By Senator Lias

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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4 **PART I**

5 **ACT NAME AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS**

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7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the  
8 voting opportunities through education act or the VOTE act.

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that robust  
11 participation by young voters in Washington state elections is  
12 critical to ensuring lifelong civic engagement. Research has shown  
13 that voting is a habitual behavior and that people who vote in the  
14 first three elections when they are eligible will likely vote for  
15 life. However, this is also the period of time when they are likely  
16 to face unique barriers to participate in the democratic process,  
17 including regularly changing their address, becoming eligible  
18 shortly after an election, and exclusion from certain voter  
19 registration policies.

20 The legislature also finds that the period prior to election day  
21 is the most critical time to ensure ballot access for young voters.  
22 States with early voting have higher participation rates than states  
23 that do not and the use of early voting sites on college campuses  
24 helped produce record levels of participation for young voters in  
25 2016 and 2018.

26 The legislature finds that students that have more opportunities  
27 to be registered and vote are more likely to participate. Limiting  
statutory voter registration opportunities on college campuses to

1 days well in advance of election day is inconsistent with  
2 implementation of same-day voter registration. Making automatic  
3 voter registration unavailable to those registering for the first  
4 time denies young voters the same benefits as every other voter.

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6 **PART II**

7 **PERSONS ALLOWED TO VOTE IN PRIMARIES**

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9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.210 and 2018 c 109 s 8 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 An applicant for voter registration shall complete an  
12 application providing the following information concerning his or  
13 her qualifications as a voter in this state:

14 (1) The former address of the applicant if previously registered  
15 to vote;

16 (2) The applicant's full name;

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

18 (4) The address of the applicant's residence for voting purposes;

19 (5) The mailing address of the applicant if that address is not  
20 the same as the address in subsection (4) of this section;

21 (6) The sex of the applicant;

22 (7) The applicant's Washington state driver's license number,  
23 Washington state identification card number, or the last four digits  
24 of the applicant's social security number if he or she does not have  
25 a Washington state driver's license or Washington state  
26 identification card;

27 (8) A check box allowing the applicant to indicate that he or  
28 she is a member of the armed forces, national guard, or reserves, or  
29 that he or she is an overseas voter;

30 (9) A check box allowing the applicant to acknowledge that he or  
31 she is at least ((~~eighteen~~)) sixteen years old ((~~or is at least~~  
32 ~~sixteen years old and will vote only after he or she reaches the age~~  
33 ~~of eighteen~~));

1 (10) Clear and conspicuous language, designed to draw the  
2 applicant's attention, stating that (~~the~~):

3 (a) The applicant must be a United States citizen in order to  
4 register to vote; and

5 (b) The applicant may register to vote if the applicant is at  
6 least sixteen years old and may vote if the applicant will be at  
7 least eighteen years old by the next general election, or is at  
8 least eighteen years old for special elections;

9 (11) A check box and declaration confirming that the applicant  
10 is a citizen of the United States;

11 (12) The following warning:

12 "If you knowingly provide false information on this voter  
13 registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your  
14 qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a  
15 class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five  
16 years, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both."

17 (13) The oath required by RCW 29A.08.230 and a space for the  
18 applicant's signature; and

19 (14) Any other information that the secretary of state  
20 determines is necessary to establish the identity of the applicant  
21 and prevent duplicate or fraudulent voter registrations.

22 This information shall be recorded on a single registration form  
23 to be prescribed by the secretary of state.

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25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.08.230 and 2013 c 11 s 14 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 For all voter registrations, the registrant shall sign the  
28 following oath:

29 "I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are  
30 true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this  
31 address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before  
32 the next election at which I vote, I (~~will be~~) am at least  
33 (~~eighteen~~) sixteen years old (~~when I vote~~), I am not  
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1 disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not under  
2 department of corrections supervision for a Washington felony  
3 conviction."

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5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.08.330 and 2019 c 391 s 6 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The secretary of state shall prescribe the method of voter  
8 registration for each designated agency. The agency shall use either  
9 the state voter registration by mail form with a separate  
10 declination form for the applicant to indicate that he or she  
11 declines to register at this time, or the agency may use a separate  
12 form approved for use by the secretary of state.

13 (2) The person providing service at the agency shall offer voter  
14 registration services to every client whenever he or she applies for  
15 service or assistance and with each renewal, recertification, or  
16 change of address. The person providing service shall give the  
17 applicant the same level of assistance with the voter registration  
18 application as is offered to fill out the agency's forms and  
19 documents, including information about age and citizenship  
20 requirements for voter registration.

21 (3) The person providing service at the agency shall determine  
22 if the prospective applicant wants to register to vote or update his  
23 or her voter registration by asking the following question:

24 "Do you want to register or sign up to vote or update your voter  
25 registration?"

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27 If the applicant chooses to register, sign up, or update a  
28 registration, the service agent shall ask the following:

29 (a) "Are you a United States citizen?"

30 (b) "Are you at least ((~~eighteen~~)) sixteen years old ((~~or are~~  
31 ~~you at least sixteen years old and will you vote only after you turn~~  
32 ~~eighteen~~))?"

33 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,  
34 the agent shall then provide the applicant with a voter registration

1 form and instructions and shall record that the applicant has  
2 requested to sign up to vote, register to vote, or update a voter  
3 registration. If the applicant answers in the negative to either  
4 question, the agent shall not provide the applicant with a voter  
5 registration application.

6 (4) If an agency uses a computerized application process, it  
7 may, in consultation with the secretary of state, develop methods to  
8 capture simultaneously the information required for voter  
9 registration during a person's computerized application process.

10 (5) Each designated agency shall transmit the applications to  
11 the secretary of state or appropriate county auditor within three  
12 business days and must be received by the election official by the  
13 required voter registration deadline.

14 (6) Information that is otherwise disclosable under this chapter  
15 cannot be disclosed on the future voter until the person reaches  
16 eighteen years of age, except for the purpose of processing and  
17 delivering ballots.

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19 **Sec. 6.** RCW 29A.08.810 and 2011 c 10 s 20 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) Registration of a person as a voter is presumptive evidence  
22 of his or her right to vote. A challenge to the person's right to  
23 vote must be based on personal knowledge of one of the following:

24 (a) The challenged voter has been convicted of a felony and the  
25 voter's civil rights have not been restored;

26 (b) The challenged voter has been judicially declared ineligible  
27 to vote due to mental incompetency;

28 (c) The challenged voter does not live at the residential  
29 address provided, in which case the challenger must either:

30 (i) Provide the challenged voter's actual residence on the  
31 challenge form; or

32 (ii) Submit evidence that he or she exercised due diligence to  
33 verify that the challenged voter does not reside at the address  
34 provided and to attempt to contact the challenged voter to learn the

1 challenged voter's actual residence, including that the challenger  
2 personally:

3 (A) Sent a letter with return service requested to the  
4 challenged voter's residential address provided, and to the  
5 challenged voter's mailing address, if provided;

6 (B) Visited the residential address provided and contacted  
7 persons at the address to determine whether the voter resides at the  
8 address and, if not, obtained and submitted with the challenge form  
9 a signed affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury from a person  
10 who owns or manages property, resides, or is employed at the address  
11 provided, that to his or her personal knowledge the challenged voter  
12 does not reside at the address as provided on the voter registration;

13 (C) Searched local telephone directories, including online  
14 directories, to determine whether the voter maintains a telephone  
15 listing at any address in the county;

16 (D) Searched county auditor property records to determine  
17 whether the challenged voter owns any property in the county; and

18 (E) Searched the statewide voter registration database to  
19 determine if the voter is registered at any other address in the  
20 state;

21 (d) The challenged voter will not be eighteen years of age by  
22 the next general election; or

23 (e) The challenged voter is not a citizen of the United States.

24 (2) A person's right to vote may be challenged by another  
25 registered voter or the county prosecuting attorney.

26 (3) The challenger must file a signed affidavit subject to the  
27 penalties of perjury swearing that, to his or her personal knowledge  
28 and belief, having exercised due diligence to personally verify the  
29 evidence presented, the challenged voter either is not qualified to  
30 vote or does not reside at the address given on his or her voter  
31 registration record based on one of the reasons allowed in  
32 subsection (1) of this section. The challenger must provide the  
33 factual basis for the challenge, including any information required  
34 by subsection (1)(c) of this section, in the signed affidavit. The

1 challenge may not be based on unsupported allegations or allegations  
2 by anonymous third parties. All documents pertaining to the  
3 challenge are public records.

4 (4) Challenges based on a felony conviction under RCW 29A.08.520  
5 must be heard according to RCW 29A.08.520 and rules adopted by the  
6 secretary of state.

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8 **PART III**

9 **AUTOMATIC VOTER SIGN-UP TO REGISTER**

10 **Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.08.355 and 2018 c 110 s 102 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The department of licensing (~~(shall implement an automatic~~  
13 ~~voter registration system so that)~~ must allow a person age eighteen  
14 years or older (~~(who)~~) to be registered to vote or update voter  
15 registration information by automated process at the time of  
16 registration, renewal, or change of address if:

17 (a) The person meets requirements for voter registration (~~(and)~~);

18 (b) The person has received or is renewing an enhanced driver's  
19 license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or is changing the  
20 address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard  
21 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205 (~~(may be registered to vote or update~~  
22 ~~voter registration information at the time of registration, renewal,~~  
23 ~~or change of address, by automated process if the)~~); and

24 (c) The department of licensing record associated with the  
25 applicant contains (~~(the)~~);

26 (i) The data required to determine whether the applicant meets  
27 requirements for voter registration under RCW 29A.08.010(~~(~~other~~)~~);

28 (ii) Other information as required by the secretary of state(~~(~~and includes a)~~)~~; and

29 (iii) A signature image.

30 (2) The department of licensing must allow a person sixteen or  
31 seventeen years of age to be signed up to register to vote by  
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1 automated process at the time of registration, renewal, or change of  
2 address if:

3 (a) The person meets requirements to sign up to register to vote;

4 (b) The person has received or is renewing an enhanced driver's  
5 license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or is changing the  
6 address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard  
7 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205; and

8 (c) The department of licensing record associated with the  
9 applicant contains:

10 (i) The data required to determine whether the applicant meets  
11 the requirements for voter registration under RCW 29A.08.210, other  
12 than age;

13 (ii) Other information as required by the secretary of state; and

14 (iii) A signature image.

15 (3) The person must be informed that his or her record will be  
16 used for voter registration and offered an opportunity to decline to  
17 register.

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19 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.20.155 and 2018 c 109 s 15 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) Before issuing an original license or identicard or renewing  
22 a license or identicard under this chapter, the licensing agent  
23 shall determine if the applicant wants to register to vote or update  
24 his or her voter registration by asking the following question:

25 "Do you want to register or sign up to vote or update your voter  
26 registration?"

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28 If the applicant chooses to register, sign up, or update a  
29 registration, the agent shall ask the following:

30 (1) "Are you a United States citizen?"

31 (2) "Are you at least ((~~eighteen~~)) sixteen years old ((~~or are~~  
32 ~~you at least sixteen years old and will you vote only after you turn~~  
33 ~~eighteen~~))?"

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1 If the applicant answers in the affirmative to both questions,  
2 the agent shall then submit the registration, sign up form, or  
3 update. If the applicant answers in the negative to either question,  
4 the agent shall not submit an application. Information that is  
5 otherwise disclosable under chapter 29A.08 RCW cannot be disclosed  
6 on the future voter until the person reaches eighteen years of age,  
7 except for the purpose of processing and delivering ballots.

8 (2) The department shall establish a procedure that  
9 substantially meets the requirements of subsection (1) of this  
10 section when permitting an applicant to renew a license or  
11 identicard by mail or by electronic commerce.

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13 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28A.230.094 and 2018 c 127 s 2 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1)(a) Beginning with or before the 2020-21 school year, each  
16 school district that operates a high school must provide a mandatory  
17 one-half credit stand-alone course in civics for each high school  
18 student. Except as provided by (c) of this subsection, civics  
19 content and instruction embedded in other social studies courses do  
20 not satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

21 (b) Credit awarded to students who complete the civics course  
22 must be applied to course credit requirements in social studies that  
23 are required for high school graduation.

24 (c) Civics content and instruction required by this section may  
25 be embedded in social studies courses that offer students the  
26 opportunity to earn both high school and postsecondary credit.

27 (2) The content of the civics course must include, but is not  
28 limited to:

29 (a) Federal, state, tribal, and local government organization  
30 and procedures;

31 (b) Rights and responsibilities of citizens addressed in the  
32 Washington state and United States Constitutions;

33 (c) Current issues addressed at each level of government;

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1 (d) Electoral issues, including elections, ballot measures,  
2 initiatives, and referenda;

3 (e) The study and completion of the civics component of the  
4 federally administered naturalization test required of persons  
5 seeking to become naturalized United States citizens; and

6 (f) The importance in a free society of living the basic values  
7 and character traits specified in RCW 28A.150.211.

8 (3) By September 1, 2020, the office of the superintendent of  
9 public instruction, in collaboration with the Washington state  
10 association of county auditors and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
11 organization engaged in voter outreach and increasing voter  
12 participation, shall identify and make available civics materials  
13 and resources for use in courses under this section. The materials  
14 and resources must be posted on the office of the superintendent of  
15 public instruction's web site.

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17 **PART IV**

18 **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HUBS**

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.40  
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) Each state university, regional university, and The  
22 Evergreen State College as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 and each higher  
23 education campus as defined in RCW 28B.45.012 shall open a student  
24 engagement hub on its campus. The student engagement hub may be open  
25 during business hours beginning eight days before, and ending at  
26 8:00 p.m. on the day of, the general election. All student  
27 engagement hubs must provide replacement ballots pursuant to RCW  
28 29A.40.070(3). Upon request of the student government organization  
29 to the administration and the county auditor, the student engagement  
30 hub at a state university, regional university, or The Evergreen  
31 State College as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 must allow voters to  
32 register in person pursuant to RCW 29A.08.140(1)(b) and provide  
33 voter registration materials.  
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1 (2) Each institution shall contract with the county auditor for  
2 the operation of a student engagement hub under this section.

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4 **PART V**

5 **VOTERS' PAMPHLETS**

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7 **Sec. 11.** RCW 29A.32.031 and 2013 c 283 s 2 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW 29A.  
10 32.010 must contain:

11 (1) Information about each measure for an advisory vote of the  
12 people and each ballot measure initiated by or referred to the  
13 voters for their approval or rejection as required by RCW 29A.32.070;

14 (2) In evennumbered years, statements, if submitted, from  
15 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the  
16 United States, United States senator, United States representative,  
17 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer,  
18 state auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands,  
19 superintendent of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state  
20 senator, state representative, justice of the supreme court, judge  
21 of the court of appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates  
22 may also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not  
23 more than five years old in a format that the secretary of state  
24 determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

25 (3) In oddnumbered years, if any office voted upon statewide  
26 appears on the ballot due to a vacancy, then statements and  
27 photographs for candidates for any vacant office listed in  
28 subsection (2) of this section must appear;

29 (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission  
30 established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement:  
31 "For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state  
32 and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit  
33 [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)." The statement must be placed in a prominent  
34 position, such as on the cover or on the first two pages of the

1 voters' pamphlet. The secretary of state may substitute such  
2 language as is necessary for accuracy and clarity and consistent  
3 with the intent of this section;

4 (5) Contact information for major political parties;

5 (6) A brief statement explaining the deletion and addition of  
6 language for proposed measures under RCW 29A.32.080; (~~and~~)

7 (7) A list of all student engagement hubs as designated under  
8 section 10 of this act; and

9 (8) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be  
10 required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is  
11 deemed informative to the voters.

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13 **Sec. 12.** RCW 29A.32.241 and 2016 c 83 s 2 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited  
16 to the following:

17 (a) Appearing on the cover, the words "official local voters'  
18 pamphlet," the name of the jurisdiction producing the pamphlet, and  
19 the date of the election or primary;

20 (b) A list of jurisdictions that have measures or candidates in  
21 the pamphlet;

22 (c) Information on how a person may register to vote and obtain  
23 a ballot;

24 (d) The text of each measure accompanied by an explanatory  
25 statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney for any county  
26 measure or by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the  
27 measure if other than a county measure. All explanatory statements  
28 for city, town, or district measures not approved by the attorney  
29 for the jurisdiction submitting the measure shall be reviewed and  
30 approved by the county prosecuting attorney or city attorney, when  
31 applicable, before inclusion in the pamphlet;

32 (e) The arguments for and against each measure submitted by  
33 committees selected pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280; (~~and~~)

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1 (f) A list of all student engagement hubs in the county as  
2 designated under section 10 of this act; and

3 (g) For partisan primary elections, information on how to vote  
4 the applicable ballot format and an explanation that minor political  
5 party candidates and independent candidates will appear only on the  
6 general election ballot.

7 (2) The county auditor's name may not appear in the local  
8 voters' pamphlet in his or her official capacity if the county  
9 auditor is a candidate for office during the same year. His or her  
10 name may only be included as part of the information normally  
11 included for candidates.

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13 **PART VI**

14 **HARMONIZING PROVISIONS**

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16 **Sec. 13.** RCW 29A.04.061 and 2003 c 111 s 111 are each amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 "Elector" means any person who possesses all of the  
19 qualifications to vote under Article VI of the state Constitution,  
20 including persons who are seventeen years of age at the primary  
21 election or presidential primary election but who will be eighteen  
22 years of age by the general election.

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24 **Sec. 14.** RCW 29A.08.110 and 2019 c 391 s 5 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) For persons registering under RCW 29A.08.120, 29A.08.123,  
27 29A.08.170, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.340, 29A.08.362, and 29A.08.365, an  
28 application is considered complete only if it contains the  
29 information required by RCW 29A.08.010. The applicant is considered  
30 to be registered to vote as of ~~((the))~~:

31 (a) The original date of receipt~~((, or when))~~;

32 (b) When the person will be at least eighteen years old by the  
33 next election; or

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1        (c) When the person will be at least seventeen years old by the  
2 next primary election or presidential primary election and eighteen  
3 years old by the general election, whichever is applicable.

4        (2) As soon as practicable, the auditor shall record the  
5 appropriate precinct identification, taxing district identification,  
6 and date of registration on the voter's record in the state voter  
7 registration list. The secretary of state shall, pursuant to RCW  
8 29A.04.611, establish procedures to enable new or updated voter  
9 registrations to be recorded on an expedited basis. Any mailing  
10 address provided shall be used only for mail delivery purposes, and  
11 not for precinct assignment or residency purposes. Within sixty days  
12 after the receipt of an application or transfer, the auditor shall  
13 send to the applicant, by first-class nonforwardable mail, an  
14 acknowledgment notice identifying the registrant's precinct and  
15 containing such other information as may be required by the  
16 secretary of state. The postal service shall be instructed not to  
17 forward a voter registration card to any other address and to return  
18 to the auditor any card which is not deliverable.

19        ~~((+2))~~ (3) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall  
20 promptly mail a verification notice to the applicant. The  
21 verification notice shall require the applicant to provide the  
22 missing information. If the applicant provides the required  
23 information within forty-five days, the applicant shall be  
24 registered to vote as of the original date of application. The  
25 applicant shall not be placed on the official list of registered  
26 voters until the application is complete.

27        ~~((+3))~~ (4) Once a future voter is no longer in pending status,  
28 as described in RCW 29A.08.615, his or her application to sign up to  
29 register to vote is no longer pending and is subject to this section.

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31        **Sec. 15.** RCW 29A.08.170 and 2018 c 109 s 5 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

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1 (1) A person may sign up to register to vote if he or she is  
2 sixteen or seventeen years of age, as part of the future voter  
3 program.

4 (2) A person who signs up to register to vote may not vote until  
5 reaching eighteen years of age(~~(, and his or her name))~~) unless the  
6 person is seventeen years of age at the primary election or  
7 presidential primary election and will be eighteen years of age by  
8 the general election. A person who signs up to register to vote may  
9 not be added to the statewide voter registration database list of  
10 voters until such time as he or she will be (~~(eighteen years of age~~  
11 ~~by))~~) eligible to vote in the next election.

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13 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29A.08.172 and 2018 c 109 s 6 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) A person who has attained sixteen years of age may sign up  
16 to register to vote, as part of the future voter program, by  
17 submitting a voter registration application by mail.

18 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information  
19 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the  
20 information as true.

21 (3) If signing up to register by mail, the person must provide a  
22 signature for voter registration purposes.

23 (4) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she  
24 will not vote in a special or general election until his or her  
25 eighteenth birthday.

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27 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29A.08.174 and 2018 c 109 s 14 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) A person who has attained sixteen years of age and has a  
30 valid Washington state driver's license or identicard may sign up to  
31 register to vote as part of the future voter program, by submitting  
32 a voter registration application electronically on the secretary of  
33 state's web site.

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1 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information  
2 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the  
3 information as true.

4 (3) If signing up to register electronically, the applicant must  
5 affirmatively assent to the use of his or her driver's license or  
6 identicard signature for voter registration purposes.

7 (4) The applicant must affirmatively acknowledge that he or she  
8 will not vote in a special or general election until his or her  
9 eighteenth birthday, and will only vote in a primary election or  
10 presidential primary election if he or she will be eighteen years of  
11 age by the general election.

12 (5) For each electronic registration application, the secretary  
13 of state must obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's  
14 license or identicard signature from the department of licensing.

15 (6) The secretary of state may employ additional security  
16 measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter  
17 preregistration applications submitted electronically.

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19 **Sec. 18.** RCW 29A.08.359 and 2019 c 391 s 8 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1)(a) For persons age eighteen years and older registering  
22 under RCW 29A.08.355(1), an application is considered complete only  
23 if it contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and other  
24 information as required by the secretary of state. The applicant is  
25 considered to be registered to vote as of the original date of  
26 issuance or renewal or date of change of address of an enhanced  
27 driver's license or identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202 or change  
28 of address for an existing enhanced driver's license or identicard  
29 pursuant to RCW 46.20.205.

30 (b) For persons sixteen or seventeen years of age registering  
31 under RCW 29A.08.355(2), an application is considered complete only  
32 if it contains the information required by RCW 29A.08.010 and other  
33 information as required by the secretary of state. The applicant is

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1 considered to be registered to vote as of the date set forth in RCW  
2 29A.08.110(1).

3       (c) The information must be transmitted in an expedited manner  
4 and must be received by an election official by the required voter  
5 registration deadline. The auditor shall record the appropriate  
6 precinct identification, taxing district identification, and date of  
7 registration on the voter's record in the state voter registration  
8 list. Any mailing address provided shall be used only for mail  
9 delivery purposes, and not for precinct assignment or residency  
10 purposes. Within sixty days after the receipt of an application or  
11 transfer, the auditor shall send to the applicant, by first-class  
12 nonforwardable mail, an acknowledgment notice identifying the  
13 registrant's precinct and containing such other information as may  
14 be required by the secretary of state. The United States postal  
15 service shall be instructed not to forward a voter registration card  
16 to any other address and to return to the auditor any card which is  
17 not deliverable.

18       (~~(b)~~) (d) An auditor may use other means to communicate with  
19 potential and registered voters such as, but not limited to, email,  
20 phone, or text messaging. The alternate form of communication must  
21 not be in lieu of the first-class mail requirements. The auditor  
22 shall act in compliance with all voter notification processes  
23 established in federal law.

24       (2) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall  
25 promptly mail a verification notice to the applicant. The  
26 verification notice must require the applicant to provide the  
27 missing information. If the applicant provides the required  
28 information within forty-five days, the applicant must be registered  
29 to vote. The applicant must not be placed on the official list of  
30 registered voters until the application is complete.

31       (3) If the prospective registration applicant declines to  
32 register to vote or the information provided by the department of  
33 licensing does not indicate citizenship, the information must not be  
34 included on the list of registered voters.

1 (4) The department of licensing is prohibited from sharing data  
2 files used by the secretary of state to certify voters registered  
3 through the automated process outlined in RCW 29A.08.355 with any  
4 federal agency, or state agency other than the secretary of state.  
5 Personal information supplied for the purposes of obtaining a  
6 driver's license or identicard is exempt from public inspection  
7 pursuant to RCW 42.56.230.

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9 **Sec. 19.** RCW 29A.80.041 and 2009 c 106 s 3 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 Any member of a major political party who is a registered voter  
12 in the precinct and who will be at least eighteen years old by the  
13 date of the precinct committee officer election may file his or her  
14 declaration of candidacy as prescribed under RCW 29A.24.031 with the  
15 county auditor for the office of precinct committee officer of his  
16 or her party in that precinct. When elected at the primary, the  
17 precinct committee officer shall serve so long as the committee  
18 officer remains an eligible voter in that precinct.

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20 **Sec. 20.** RCW 29A.84.140 and 2018 c 109 s 13 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 A person who knows that he or she does not possess the legal  
23 qualifications of a voter and who registers to vote is guilty of a  
24 class C felony. This section does not apply to persons age sixteen  
25 or seventeen signing up to register to vote as authorized under RCW  
26 29A.08.170 or 29A.08.355(2).

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28 **Sec. 21.** RCW 46.20.156 and 2018 c 110 s 105 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 For persons eighteen years of age or older who meet requirements  
31 for voter registration and persons sixteen or seventeen years of age  
32 who meet requirements to sign up to register to vote, who have been  
33 issued or are renewing an enhanced driver's license or identicard  
34 under RCW 46.20.202 or applying for a change of address for an

1 existing enhanced driver's license or identicard pursuant to RCW  
2 46.20.205, and have not declined to register to vote, the department  
3 shall produce and transmit to the secretary of state the following  
4 information from the records of each individual: The name, address,  
5 date of birth, gender of the applicant, the driver's license number,  
6 signature image, and the date on which the application was  
7 submitted. The department and the secretary of state shall process  
8 information as an automated application on a daily basis.

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10 **PART VII**  
11 **OTHER PROVISIONS**

12 **Sec. 22.** RCW 29A.08.140 and 2019 c 391 s 4 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (1) In order to vote in any primary, special election, or  
15 general election, a person who is not registered to vote in  
16 Washington must:

17 (a) Submit a registration application that is received by an  
18 election official no later than eight days before the day of the  
19 primary, special election, or general election. For purposes of this  
20 subsection (1)(a), "received" means: (i) Being physically received  
21 by an election official by the close of business of the required  
22 deadline; or (ii) for applications received online or  
23 electronically, by midnight, of the required deadline; or

24 (b) Register in person at ~~((the))~~ a county auditor's office, the  
25 division of elections if in a separate city from the county  
26 auditor's office, a voting center, a student engagement hub, or  
27 other location designated by the county auditor ~~((in his or her~~  
28 ~~county of residence))~~ no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the  
29 primary, special election, or general election.

30 (2) ~~((+(a)+))~~ (a) In order to change a residence address for  
31 voting in any primary, special election, or general election, a  
32 person who is already registered to vote in Washington may update  
33 his or her registration by:  
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1       (~~(a)-(i)~~) (i) Submitting an address change using a  
2 registration application or making notification via any  
3 non-in-person method that is received by election officials no later  
4 than eight days before the day of the primary, special election, or  
5 general election; or

6       (~~(b)-(ii)~~) (ii) Appearing in person, at (~~the~~) a county  
7 auditor's office, the division of elections if in a separate city  
8 from the county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location  
9 designated by the county auditor (~~in his or her county of~~  
10 ~~residence~~), no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary,  
11 special election, or general election to be in effect for that  
12 primary, special election, or general election.

13       (~~(c)-(b)~~) (b) A registered voter who fails to update his or  
14 her residential address by this deadline may vote according to his  
15 or her previous registration address.

16       (3) To register or update a voting address in person at (~~the~~)  
17 a county auditor's office, a voting center, or other location  
18 designated by the county auditor, a person must appear in person at  
19 (~~the~~) a county auditor's office, a voting center, or other  
20 location designated by the county auditor (~~in the county in which~~  
21 ~~the person resides~~) at a time when the facility is open and  
22 complete the voter registration application by providing the  
23 information required by RCW 29A.08.010.

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25       NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. Subject to the availability of amounts  
26 appropriated for this specific purpose, the secretary of state may  
27 provide grants to county auditors to implement section 10 of this act.

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29       NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. Sections 3, 5, 6, and 13 through 17 of  
30 this act take effect January 1, 2022.

31       NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. Sections 7, 8, 18, 20, and 21 of this act  
32 take effect September 1, 2023.

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34 SB 6313 S AMD

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3 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "amending", strike the  
4 remainder of the title and insert "RCW 29A.08.210, 29A.08.230, 29A.  
5 08.230, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.810, 29A.08.355, 46.20.155, 28A.230.094,  
6 29A.32.031, 29A.32.241, 29A.04.061, 29A.08.110, 29A.08.170, 29A.  
7 08.172, 29A.08.174, 29A.08.359, 29A.80.041, 29A.84.140, 46.20.156,  
and 29A.08.140; adding a new section to chapter 29A.40 RCW; creating  
new sections; and providing effective dates."

EFFECT: (1) Requires that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction develop civics curriculum in coordination with the Association of County Auditors and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit engaged in voter outreach and increasing participation.

(2) Renames student engagement centers as student engagement hubs, and moves provisions authorizing student engagement centers into separate section of RCW.

(3) Authorizes the Secretary of State to provide grants to county auditors to implement student engagement hubs.

(4) Clarifies that candidates for precinct committee officer must be 18 by the date of the precinct committee officer election.

(5) Adds to include harmonizing statutory provisions to effective date sections.

(6) Moves implementation date for automatic sign-up to register to vote when obtaining an enhanced driver's license or identocard to September 1, 2023.

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