

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY MCCROSTIE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE
2 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-409, IDAHO CODE, TO
3 PROVIDE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
7 "Online Voter Registration Act."

8 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 34-409, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 34-409. ONLINE REGISTRATION. (1) The office of the secretary of state
12 shall create and maintain an online system for voter registration that is
13 publicly available on its official website. Any elector who has a current
14 valid driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to title 49,
15 Idaho Code, may register by submitting a completed voter registration appli-
16 cation electronically on such website. Online voter registration applica-
17 tions shall be in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, shall require
18 the information under oath or affirmation set forth in section 34-411, Idaho
19 Code, shall provide notice of the requirement to provide personal identi-
20 fication before voting at the polls as set forth in section 34-1113, Idaho
21 Code, and shall require an online signature of the applicant. The secre-
22 tary of state shall obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license
23 or identification card signature from the Idaho transportation department.
24 Online voter registration applications must be submitted before the close of
25 registration as provided in section 34-408, Idaho Code.

26 (2) Upon receipt of a completed voter registration application and a
27 digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card
28 signature from the Idaho transportation department, the secretary of state
29 shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in which the
30 applicant resides. The county clerk shall prepare and issue by first-class
31 nonforwardable mail to each elector registering electronically a verifi-
32 cation of registration containing the name and residence of the elector and
33 the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides. If a veri-
34 fication is returned undeliverable, then the county clerk shall remove the
35 elector from the register of electors.

36 (3) An applicant using the online system for voter registration pur-
37 suant to this section shall not be required to complete a printed registra-
38 tion card.

39 (4) The secretary of state may use additional security measures to en-
40 sure the accuracy and integrity of an electronically submitted voter regis-
41 tration application.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after Jan-
2 uary 1, 2017.