

A Bill to Provide Automatic Optional Voter Registration through Certain Government Agencies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Sixteen (16) states and the District of Columbia currently allow
2 legal citizens to “opt in” to voter registration when applying for services within the
3 DMV, the Department of Health, or the Office of Children and Family Services. This
4 bill would mandate that this practice be nationally utilized by 2022.

5 **SECTION 2.** All branches and establishments of the Depts. of Driver Services,
6 Health, and Children and Family Services will attach an opt-in ability to all
7 functional forms (refer to Section 7). This system will be available digitally and in
8 paper form nationwide by 2022.

9 **SECTION 4.** The DMV/DDS, Dept. of Health, and the Office of Children and
10 Family Services must implement this system by 1 January 2022 on all applicable
11 forms. These voter registration submissions will be submitted digitally through the
12 departments to voter rolls, eradicating the risk of fraud by faulty paper-and-pen
13 error. A form of valid identification, including but not limited to driver’s licenses
14 and other forms of government IDs, will be presented upon registration.

15 **SECTION 5.** All federal, state, or other laws in conflict with this legislation are
16 hereby declared null and void. This bill protects the voting rights of citizens while
17 preventing voter fraud.

18 **SECTION 6.** Since Oregon became the first state in the nation to implement AVR
19 in 2016, the Beaver State has seen registration rates quadruple at DMV offices. In
20 the first six months after AVR was implemented in Vermont on New Year’s Day
21 2017, registration rates jumped 62 percent when compared to the first half of
22 2016. The benefits of AVR extend beyond increasing the number of people
23 registering. The policy keeps voter rolls more accurate by creating a constant
24 stream of updates between registration agencies and election officials and by
25 reducing the odds of mistakes caused by processing paper registration forms by
26 hand. Cleaner rolls reduce errors that cause delays on Election Day and prevent
27 eligible voters from casting regular ballots. AVR also lowers costs. The transition to
28 electronic transfer allows states to save money on printing, mailing, and data
 entry.