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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person must complete a
9 voter registration application in order to register
10 to vote.

11 This bill would provide for automatic voter
12 registration of qualified persons who apply for or
13 renew a driver's license or nondriver
14 identification card.

15 This bill would provide for automatic
16 updates in voter registration when a person changes
17 the address on his or her driver's license.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 Relating to voter registration; to provide for
24 automatic voter registration of qualified persons who apply
25 for or renew a driver's license or nondriver identification
26 card; and to provide for automatic updates in voter

1 registration when a person changes the address on his or her
2 driver's license.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) The Secretary of State and the
5 Alabama Law Enforcement Agency shall establish a program by
6 which the agency provides the secretary with electronic
7 records derived from the issuance and renewal of driver's
8 licenses and nondriver identification cards, containing the
9 legal name, age, residence, and citizenship information for,
10 and the electronic signature of, each person who meets the
11 qualifications to register to vote as described in Section
12 17-3-30, Code of Alabama 1975. Notice of the automatic voter
13 registration program shall be provided at every location where
14 driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards are
15 issued or renewed.

16 (b) Upon receiving the electronic record for, and
17 electronic signature of, a person described in subsection (a),
18 the Secretary of State shall provide the information to the
19 board of registrars of the county in which the person may be
20 registered as an elector. The person's electronic record and
21 electronic signature constitute a completed registration
22 application for the person for purposes of Section 17-3-52,
23 Code of Alabama 1975. If the board determines that the person
24 is qualified to vote under Article 8 of the Constitution of
25 Alabama of 1901, and under state law and the person is not
26 already registered to vote, the person shall be registered and
27 the board of registrars shall issue a certificate of

1 registration to the elector; provided, however, a board may
2 not register a person to vote during the 14-day period prior
3 to any election.

4 (c) If an elector changes his or her address when
5 renewing a driver's license, the new address shall be provided
6 to the appropriate board of registrars and a new certificate
7 of registration shall be issued to the elector, if
8 appropriate.

9 (d) Nothing in this section shall affect the
10 authority of the Secretary of State or a board of registrars
11 to determine whether an applicant is qualified pursuant to
12 Section 17-3-52, Code of Alabama 1975, or to maintain and
13 update voter registration lists in accordance with Chapter 4,
14 Title 17, Code of Alabama 1975.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.