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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, beginning in February 2025,
6 the board of registrars or the Secretary of State must
7 use change-of-address information supplied by the
8 United States Postal Service through the National
9 Change of Address database and at least one other voter
10 registration database, such as the Electronic
11 Registration Information Center, to identify registered
12 voters whose addresses may have changed.

13 This bill would remove the Electronic
14 Registration Information Center as a voter registration
15 database that the board of registrars or the Secretary
16 of State may use to identify voters whose addresses may
17 have changed.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 Relating to voters and voting; to amend Section
25 17-4-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to remove the Electronic
26 Registration Information Center as a voter registration
27 database that the board of registrars or the Secretary of
28 State may use to identify voters whose addresses may have



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changed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-4-30, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-4-30

(a) Beginning in February 2025, and in February of every fourth year thereafter, the board of registrars, or the Secretary of State, if acting as the board's agent pursuant to subsection (h), shall use change-of-address information supplied by the United States Postal Service through the National Change of Address database and by at least one other voter registration database, including, but not limited to, ~~the Electronic Registration Information Center or NVRA~~a National Voter Registration Act designated agency, to identify registered voters whose addresses may have changed.

(b) (1) If the board of registrars or Secretary of State determines from the change-of-address information that a registered voter has moved to a different residence address that is under the jurisdiction of the same board of registrars, the board of registrars shall change the registration records of that voter to show the new address, and the board of registrars or Secretary of State, within 90 days after identifying the potential change, shall send the voter a notice of the change by forwardable mail along with a postage prepaid, pre-addressed return card on which the registered voter may correct his or her current address information. The notice shall inform the voter that if the voter did not change his or her residence, he or she is



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57 required to return the pre-addressed card no later than the
58 last day to register to vote before an election.

59 (2) If the board of registrars or Secretary of State
60 determines from the change-of-address information that a
61 registered voter has moved to a different residence address
62 that is under the jurisdiction of a different board of
63 registrars or to a residence address outside of the state, the
64 board of registrars or Secretary of State, within 90 days
65 after identifying the potential change, shall send the voter a
66 notice of the change by forwardable mail along with a postage
67 prepaid, pre-addressed return card on which the registered
68 voter may verify or correct his or her current address
69 information. The notice shall include both of the following:

70 a. A statement informing the voter that if the
71 pre-addressed card is not returned within the time specified
72 in the notice, the voter will be permitted to vote in that
73 same jurisdiction during the period from the date the notice
74 was mailed and ending on the day after the date of the second
75 general election for federal office, provided the voter
76 completes a voter registration update form. If the voter does
77 not update his or her voter registration record or vote during
78 the period ending on the day after the date of the second
79 general election for federal office, the voter's name shall be
80 removed from the list of eligible voters.

81 b. Information concerning how the voter may continue
82 his or her eligibility to vote in another jurisdiction if the
83 voter has changed his or her residence to an address outside
84 of the jurisdiction of the board of registrars under which he



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85 or she is then registered.

86 (c) The board of registrars or Secretary of State shall
87 record and maintain in the statewide voter registration
88 database the dates on which the notice is mailed to a
89 registered voter and the card is subsequently returned to the
90 board by the registered voter.

91 (d) The board of registrars shall update the statewide
92 voter registration database using the information reported to
93 the board by the registered voters on the prepaid,
94 pre-addressed return cards provided for in this section.

95 (e) If the registered voter does not respond to the
96 notice provided in this section within 90 days of the date on
97 which the notice was mailed or if the notice is returned to
98 the board of registrars as undeliverable, the board of
99 registrars or its agent shall change the status of the voter
100 to inactive and indicate in the statewide voter registration
101 database the date the change is recorded and that the voter
102 did not respond to the mailing or that the mailing was
103 returned as undeliverable, in a manner provided by rule by the
104 Secretary of State.

105 (f) The names of persons to be removed from the list of
106 registered voters pursuant to this section shall be published
107 in accordance with Section 17-4-10.

108 (g) The Secretary of State may adopt rules as necessary
109 to implement this section.

110 (h) The Secretary of State may act as an agent for a
111 board of registrars, only upon receiving the written consent
112 of the county commission, in implementing this section."



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113 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
114 1, 2025.