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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION, IDENTIFICATION, AND ELECTION PROCEDURES,
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION,
MAIL-IN VOTING SAFEGUARDS, ELECTION SECURITY STANDARDS, AND
AFFIRMING STATE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ELECTIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <https://saleg.uscgov.com>)

This bill establishes uniform voter identification and registration requirements for the State of San Andreas, aiming to ensure both the security and accessibility of elections. It designates a state-issued driver's license as sufficient identification for in-person voting

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while outlining specific documents necessary to register, including proof of residency and a birth certificate. Voting by mail is explicitly allowed, with signature verification required to confirm voter identity.

Additionally, the bill asserts state sovereignty over election procedures by preempting potential future federal laws on voter identification and registration. By codifying these requirements, the State of San Andreas ensures its citizens can vote confidently while preserving the integrity of elections and protecting against disenfranchisement.

1 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of San***
2 ***Andreas:***
3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This act shall be referred to as the
4 “San Andreas Free Elections Act”. **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE**
5 **DECLARATION.** The General Assembly finds and declares that:
6 (a) Voting is a fundamental right and a cornerstone of democracy
7 in San Andreas. (b) Elections must be secure, transparent, and
8 accessible to all eligible citizens. (c) Citizens should be able to
9 register and vote in a timely, convenient, and verifiable manner.
10 (d) Mail-in voting, early voting, and same-day registration expand
11 access while maintaining election integrity. (e) The State retains
12 sovereign authority to conduct elections as it deems appropriate,
13 regardless of federal law, so long as no eligible voter is
14 disenfranchised. **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of
15 this Act: (a) “Citizen” means a natural-born or naturalized citizen
16 of the United States. (b) “Eligible voter” means a citizen of San
17 Andreas, at least eighteen years of age by Election Day, who
18 meets residency requirements and is not otherwise disqualified,
19 and who is a resident of the precinct in which they seek to vote.
20 (c) “Polling place” means any location designated for in-person
21 voting, including early voting sites. (d) “Mail-in ballot” means a
22 ballot cast remotely and returned by mail in accordance with this
23 Act. (e) “Provisional ballot” means a ballot issued when eligibility
24 or identification cannot be immediately verified. (f) “Secretary of

1 State” means the officer responsible for overseeing election
2 administration within San Andreas. **SECTION 4. VOTER**
3 **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.** (a) To register to vote, an
4 eligible individual must provide: (I) A valid San Andreas driver’s
5 license or state-issued identification card. (II) Proof of citizenship,
6 including a certified birth certificate or other recognized
7 document as determined by the Secretary of State. (III) the full
8 nine digits of the applicant's social security number; ~~(IV) Proof of~~
9 ~~residency: two pieces of mail delivered to the current address at~~
10 ~~least 30 days apart within the prior 12 months~~ WITHIN THE
11 PRIOR SIXTY DAYS; (IV) PROOF OF RESIDENCY: A
12 SINGLE UTILITY BILL OR LEASE AGREEMENT SHOWING
13 THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS
14 WITHIN THE PRECINCT DATED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS
15 OF REGISTRATION. (b) Registration may be completed in
16 person, by mail, or via a secure web-based portal if the Secretary
17 of State establishes secure online procedures. (c) AUTOMATIC
18 VOTER REGISTRATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE
19 SHALL AUTOMATICALLY REGISTER TO VOTE EVERY
20 ELIGIBLE CITIZEN UPON RECEIVING VERIFIABLE DATA
21 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNLESS THE
22 INDIVIDUAL EXPLICITLY OPTS OUT AT THE TIME OF
23 THE TRANSACTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS
24 PROHIBITED FROM PURGING ANY VOTER FROM THE
25 ROLLS WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF AN ELECTION BASED
26 ON INTRASTATE RESIDENCY RECORDS. (d)
27 ~~RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS. ANY PERSON~~
28 ~~CONVICTED OF A FELONY SHALL HAVE THEIR VOTING~~
29 ~~RIGHTS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED IMMEDIATELY~~
30 ~~UPON RELEASE FROM PHYSICAL INCARCERATION, AND~~
31 ~~NO EXPEDIENT ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY SHALL BE~~
32 ~~PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR PARTICIPATION~~
33 ~~IN AN ELECTION.~~ **SECTION 5. SAME-DAY VOTER**

1 REGISTRATION. (a) Eligible individuals may register and vote
2 on the same day at any polling place during early voting or on
3 Election Day. (b) Same-day registrants must present the
4 identification and documentation required under Section 4. (c)
5 Provisional ballots shall be issued if eligibility cannot be verified
6 immediately, with verification procedures completed before final
7 tabulation. **SECTION 6. VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND**
8 **PROHIBITION ON BALLOT HARVESTING.** ~~(a) To vote in~~
9 ~~person, a voter must present: (I) A valid driver's license or state~~
10 ~~identification card or "ID", for purposes of this section, a student~~
11 ~~identification card issued by a post-secondary institution shall not~~
12 ~~be considered a valid form of identification for in-person voting.~~
13 (a) VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. TO VOTE
14 IN PERSON, A VOTER SHALL PRESENT ANY DOCUMENT
15 SHOWING THE VOTER'S NAME AND ADDRESS,
16 INCLUDING A UTILITY BILL, BANK STATEMENT,
17 GOVERNMENT CHECK, PAYCHECK, OR STUDENT
18 IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY AN INSTITUTION OF
19 HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN SAN ANDREAS. (II) A U.S.
20 passport or military identification. (III) Tribal identification
21 recognized by the State. (b) No additional identification shall be
22 required if a valid ID is presented. (c) Mail-in ballots require
23 signature verification against the voter's records on file with the
24 county clerk. (d) Voters whose signatures do not match may cure
25 the discrepancy in accordance with procedures established by the
26 Secretary of State. **SECTION 7. MAIL-IN AND EARLY**
27 **VOTING.** (a) Any registered voter may request a mail-in ballot,
28 subject to deadlines established by the Secretary of State. (b)
29 Mail-in ballots shall be returned by the ~~seven o'clock p.m~~ EIGHT
30 O'CLOCK P.M on Election Day or any lawful extended
31 acceptance period established by law. (c) Early voting sites shall
32 provide same-day registration and voting. (d) Election officials
33 shall securely handle, count, and preserve all early and mail-in

1 ballots. ~~(e) Prohibition on Third-Party Collection. No person shall~~
2 ~~knowingly collect or possess a mail-in ballot voted by another~~
3 ~~person; except that this prohibition does not apply to a member of~~
4 ~~the voter's immediate family, a person residing in the same~~
5 ~~household, or a designated caregiver. violation of this subsection~~
6 ~~(e) is a class 2 misdemeanor CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR. (e)~~
7 ASSISTANCE WITH BALLOT RETURN. ANY REGISTERED
8 VOTER MAY DESIGNATE ANY PERSON OF THEIR
9 CHOOSING TO COLLECT AND RETURN THEIR VOTED
10 MAIL-IN BALLOT TO A DROP BOX OR COUNTY CLERK
11 FACILITY, AND NO PERSON SHALL LIMIT THE NUMBER
12 OF BALLOTS AN INDIVIDUAL MAY COLLECT AND
13 RETURN ON BEHALF OF OTHERS. (f) all signatures on
14 mail-in ballots must be verified against the voter's original
15 wet-ink signature on their registration form. (g) if a signature is
16 rejected, the county clerk shall notify the voter via ~~certified mail~~
17 ELECTRONIC MAIL, TEXT MESSAGE, OR FIRST-CLASS
18 MAIL. No ballot may be cured after seven o'clock p.m. on the day
19 preceding the election. ~~(h) no person registering to vote within~~
20 ~~thirty days of an election shall have their ballot tabulated until~~
21 ~~their residency has been independently verified by the county~~
22 ~~sheriff or the Department of Revenue. (h) ANY PERSON~~
23 REGISTERING TO VOTE WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF
24 AN ELECTION SHALL HAVE THEIR BALLOT CAST
25 PROVISIONALLY UNTIL THEIR RESIDENCY HAS BEEN
26 VERIFIED THROUGH A DATABASE COMPARISON BY THE
27 SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF
28 REVENUE. (i) if residency cannot be verified within ten days
29 following the election, the provisional ballot shall be deemed void
30 and destroyed. **SECTION 8. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND**
31 **ELECTION SECURITY. (a) Provisional ballots shall be issued**
32 when voter eligibility or identity cannot be immediately verified.
33 (b) Provisional ballots shall be verified and counted once

1 eligibility is confirmed. (c) Voter Roll Maintenance. The secretary
2 of state shall conduct a ~~monthly~~ QUARTERLY cross-reference of
3 voter rolls against the san andreas department of public health
4 death records and the department of revenue residency records.
5 any individual found to be deceased or no longer residing within
6 the state shall be removed from the active voter rolls within thirty
7 days. (d) Verification of Voter Rolls. The Secretary of State shall
8 coordinate with the Department of Corrections and the Judicial
9 Department to ensure that individuals disqualified from voting
10 due to a felony conviction are removed from the active voter rolls
11 within ten days of conviction or sentencing. ~~SECTION 8.3.~~
12 ~~PROHIBITION ON PRIVATE ELECTION FUNDING. No state~~
13 ~~or local government official or entity responsible for~~
14 ~~administering elections shall solicit, accept, or expend any~~
15 ~~donation, grant, or gift of money or equipment from any private~~
16 ~~individual, corporation, or nonprofit entity for the purpose of~~
17 ~~funding election administration or voter outreach efforts.~~
18 SECTION 8.3. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR
19 ELECTIONS. STATE AND LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS
20 ARE AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED TO SOLICIT,
21 ACCEPT, AND EXPEND PHILANTHROPIC GRANTS AND
22 DONATIONS FROM NONPARTISAN INDIVIDUALS,
23 CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND NONPROFIT
24 ORGANIZATIONS TO FUND VOTER OUTREACH,
25 PURCHASE TABULATION EQUIPMENT, AND ESTABLISH
26 SECURE DROP BOX LOCATIONS. SECTION 8.5. CHAIN OF
27 CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS. (a) The Secretary of State shall
28 mandate a uniform chain-of-custody log for the movement of all
29 ballots from drop boxes or polling places to central counting
30 facilities. (b) such logs shall be signed by at least two election
31 officials of differing political party affiliation at every point of
32 transfer and shall be made available for public inspection within
33 ~~twenty-four~~ FORTY-EIGHT hours of the close of polls.

1 ~~SECTION 9. STATE CONTROL OF VOTER ROLLS. The~~
2 ~~Secretary of State is prohibited from entering into any multistate~~
3 ~~compact or agreement that requires the sharing of protected voter~~
4 ~~data or gives a third-party entity the authority to suggest removals~~
5 ~~from the official list of eligible electors without independent state~~
6 ~~verification.~~ **SECTION 9. INTERSTATE COOPERATION. THE**
7 **SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PARTICIPATE IN**
8 **MULTI-STATE DATA-SHARING COMPACTS AND**
9 **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
10 **TO CROSS-REFERENCE VOTER ROLL DATA WITH OTHER**
11 **JURISDICTIONS TO MAXIMIZE ACCURACY AND**
12 **MAINTAIN UP-TO-DATE LISTS OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS.**
13 ~~SECTION 9.5. TRANSPARENCY IN TABULATION. All~~
14 ~~tabulation equipment used in the State of San Andreas shall utilize~~
15 ~~open-source software. No voting system shall be capable of~~
16 ~~connecting to the internet or any external network during the~~
17 ~~period commencing thirty days ~~FORTY-FIVE DAYS~~ before an~~
18 ~~election and ending upon the final certification of results.~~
19 **SECTION 9.5. VOTING ACCESSIBILITY AND**
20 **MODERNIZATION. ALL TABULATION EQUIPMENT USED**
21 **IN THE STATE OF SAN ANDREAS SHALL UTILIZE**
22 **SECURE, CLOUD-ENABLED NETWORK**
23 **CONFIGURATIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE REAL-TIME**
24 **REPORTING OF COUNTY-LEVEL RESULTS TO THE**
25 **PUBLIC. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH**
26 **A SECURE WEB-BASED PORTAL TO ALLOW VOTERS TO**
27 **CAST A VERIFIED DIGITAL MAIL-IN BALLOT REMOTELY**
28 **VIA COMPUTER OR MOBILE APPLICATION. SECTION**
29 **9.6. ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY.** Election day, as defined in
30 section 3, shall be observed as a legal state holiday. All
31 non-election related state offices shall be closed, and all eligible
32 employees shall be granted ~~two~~ **THREE** hours of paid leave for
33 the purpose of casting a ballot. **SECTION 10. STATE**

1 SOVEREIGNTY, AUTHORITY, AND PREEMPTION. (a) This
2 Act preempts any future federal legislation attempting to control
3 voter registration, identification, or election procedures within San
4 Andreas. (b) The General Assembly, as the direct representative
5 of the people, retains the exclusive and sovereign authority to
6 determine election procedures so long as elections are secure and
7 no qualified voter is disenfranchised. (c) the General Assembly
8 hereby declares that the provisions of this act relating to the time,
9 place, and manner of holding elections for federal office are an
10 exercise of the state's plenary authority under article I, section 4 of
11 the United States constitution. (d) No executive order, federal
12 regulation, or judicial decree from a federal court shall have the
13 effect of altering the procedures established by this act without the
14 express concurrence of the general assembly by joint resolution.

15 **SECTION 10.5. LEGISLATIVE STANDING TO**
16 **CHALLENGE.** the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or
17 the President of the Senate, or their designees, shall have
18 automatic standing to intervene in any legal challenge brought
19 against the provisions of this act to defend the sovereign interest
20 of the state of san andreas in determining the manner of its
21 elections. **SECTION 10.6. REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.** The
22 exclusive remedy for any person alleging a violation of this act
23 shall be an action for declaratory or injunctive relief filed in the
24 Supreme court of San Andreas, which shall have exclusive
25 original jurisdiction over all challenges to the constitutionality or
26 implementation of this act. **SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY.** If
27 any provision of this Act or its application is held invalid, such
28 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications.

29 **SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Act subject to petition –
30 effective date. This act takes effect on August 18, 2026, assuming
31 the general assembly adjourns sine die on May 18, 2026; except
32 that, if a veto petition is filed pursuant to Article II, Section 15 of
33 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of

1 this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will
2 not take effect unless approved by the people at the general
3 election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
4 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by
5 the governor.