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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.

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**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

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Underlining denotes SENATE amendment.**

**Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.**

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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.

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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) Social~~  
8 ~~Security number, (if applicable) or last four digits.~~ (III) **THE**  
9 **FULL NINE DIGITS OF THE APPLICANT’S SOCIAL**  
10 **SECURITY NUMBER;** (IV) Proof of residency: two pieces of  
11 mail delivered to the current address at least 30 days apart within  
12 the prior 12 months. (b) Registration may be completed in person,  
13 by mail, or electronically via a secure web-based portal if the  
14 Secretary of State establishes secure online procedures.  
15 **SECTION 5. SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION.** (a)  
16 Eligible individuals may register and vote on the same day at any  
17 polling place during early voting or on Election Day. (b)  
18 Same-day registrants must present the identification and  
19 documentation required under Section 4. (c) Provisional ballots  
20 shall be issued if eligibility cannot be verified immediately, with  
21 verification procedures completed before final tabulation.  
22 **SECTION 6. VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND PROHIBITION**  
23 **ON BALLOT HARVESTING.** (a) To vote in person, a voter must  
24 present: (I) A valid driver’s license or state identification card or  
25 “ID”, for purposes of this section, a student identification card  
26 issued by a post-secondary institution shall not be considered a  
27 valid form of identification for in-person voting. (II) A U.S.  
28 passport or military identification. (III) Tribal identification  
29 recognized by the State. (b) No additional identification shall be  
30 required if a valid ID is presented. (c) Mail-in ballots require  
31 signature verification against the voter’s records on file with the  
32 county clerk. (d) Voters whose signatures do not match may cure  
33 the discrepancy in accordance with procedures established by the

1 Secretary of State. **SECTION 7. MAIL-IN AND EARLY**  
2 **VOTING.** (a) Any registered voter may request a mail-in ballot,  
3 subject to deadlines established by the Secretary of State. (b)  
4 Mail-in ballots shall be returned by the ~~close of polls~~ seven  
5 o'clock p.m on Election Day or any lawful extended acceptance  
6 period established by law. (c) Early voting sites shall provide  
7 same-day registration and voting. (d) Election officials shall  
8 securely handle, count, and preserve all early and mail-in ballots.  
9 **(e) Prohibition on Third-Party Collection.** No person shall  
10 knowingly collect or possess a mail-in ballot voted by another  
11 person; except that this prohibition does not apply to a member of  
12 the voter's immediate family, a person residing in the same  
13 household, or a designated caregiver. violation of this subsection  
14 **(e) is a class 2 misdemeanor.** (f) all signatures on mail-in ballots  
15 must be verified against the voter's original wet-ink signature on  
16 their registration form. (g) if a signature is rejected, the county  
17 clerk shall notify the voter via certified mail. No ballot may be  
18 cured after seven o'clock p.m. on the day preceding the election.  
19 **(h) no person registering to vote within thirty days of an election**  
20 **shall have their ballot tabulated until their residency has been**  
21 **independently verified by the county sheriff or the Department of**  
22 **Revenue.** (i) if residency cannot be verified within ten days  
23 following the election, the provisional ballot shall be deemed void  
24 and destroyed. **SECTION 8. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND**  
25 **ELECTION SECURITY.** (a) Provisional ballots shall be issued  
26 when voter eligibility or identity cannot be immediately verified.  
27 (b) Provisional ballots shall be verified and counted once  
28 eligibility is confirmed. ~~(c) The Secretary of State shall adopt~~  
29 ~~procedures to maintain accurate voter rolls, secure ballots, prevent~~  
30 ~~fraud, and ensure timely reporting of results.~~ (c) Voter Roll  
31 Maintenance. **THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL**  
32 **CONDUCT A MONTHLY CROSS-REFERENCE OF VOTER**  
33 **ROLLS AGAINST THE SAN ANDREAS DEPARTMENT OF**

1 PUBLIC HEALTH DEATH RECORDS AND THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RESIDENCY RECORDS. ANY  
3 INDIVIDUAL FOUND TO BE DECEASED OR NO LONGER  
4 RESIDING WITHIN THE STATE SHALL BE REMOVED  
5 FROM THE ACTIVE VOTER ROLLS WITHIN THIRTY  
6 DAYS. (d) Verification of Voter Rolls. The Secretary of State  
7 shall coordinate with the Department of Corrections and the  
8 Judicial Department to ensure that individuals disqualified from  
9 voting due to a felony conviction are removed from the active  
10 voter rolls within ten days of conviction or sentencing. **SECTION**  
11 **8.3. PROHIBITION ON PRIVATE ELECTION FUNDING.** No  
12 state or local government official or entity responsible for  
13 administering elections shall solicit, accept, or expend any  
14 donation, grant, or gift of money or equipment from any private  
15 individual, corporation, or nonprofit entity for the purpose of  
16 funding election administration or voter outreach efforts.  
17 **SECTION 8.5. CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS.** (a)  
18 The Secretary of State shall mandate a uniform chain-of-custody  
19 log for the movement of all ballots from drop boxes or polling  
20 places to central counting facilities. (b) such logs shall be signed  
21 by at least two election officials of differing political party  
22 affiliation at every point of transfer and shall be made available  
23 for public inspection within twenty-four hours of the close of  
24 polls. **SECTION 9. STATE CONTROL OF VOTER ROLLS.**  
25 The Secretary of State is prohibited from entering into any  
26 multistate compact or agreement that requires the sharing of  
27 protected voter data or gives a third-party entity the authority to  
28 suggest removals from the official list of eligible electors without  
29 independent state verification. **SECTION 9.5.**  
30 **TRANSPARENCY IN TABULATION.** All tabulation equipment  
31 used in the State of San Andreas shall utilize open-source  
32 software. No voting system shall be capable of connecting to the  
33 internet or any external network during the period commencing

1 thirty days before an election and ending upon the final  
2 certification of results. **SECTION 9.6. ELECTION DAY**  
3 **HOLIDAY.** Election day, as defined in section 3, shall be  
4 observed as a legal state holiday. All non-election related state  
5 offices shall be closed, and all eligible employees shall be granted  
6 two hours of paid leave for the purpose of casting a ballot.  
7 **SECTION 10. STATE SOVEREIGNTY, AUTHORITY, AND**  
8 **PREEMPTION.** (a) This Act preempts any future federal  
9 legislation attempting to control voter registration, identification,  
10 or election procedures within San Andreas. (b) ~~The State retains~~  
11 ~~The General Assembly, as the direct representative of the people,~~  
12 ~~retains the exclusive and sovereign authority to determine election~~  
13 ~~procedures so long as elections are secure and no qualified voter~~  
14 ~~is disenfranchised.~~ (c) the General Assembly hereby declares that  
15 the provisions of this act relating to the time, place, and manner of  
16 holding elections for federal office are an exercise of the state's  
17 plenary authority under article I, section 4 of the United States  
18 constitution. (d) No executive order, federal regulation, or judicial  
19 decree from a federal court shall have the effect of altering the  
20 procedures established by this act without the express concurrence  
21 of the general assembly by joint resolution. **SECTION 10.5.**  
22 **LEGISLATIVE STANDING TO CHALLENGE.** the Speaker of  
23 the House of Representatives, or the President of the Senate, or  
24 their designees, shall have automatic standing to intervene in any  
25 legal challenge brought against the provisions of this act to defend  
26 the sovereign interest of the state of san andreas in determining  
27 the manner of its elections. **SECTION 10.6. REMEDIES FOR**  
28 **VIOLATIONS.** The exclusive remedy for any person alleging a  
29 violation of this act shall be an action for declaratory or injunctive  
30 relief filed in the Supreme court of San Andreas, which shall have  
31 exclusive original jurisdiction over all challenges to the  
32 constitutionality or implementation of this act. **SECTION 11.**  
33 **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Act or its application is

1 held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or  
2 applications. **SECTION 12.** EFFECTIVE DATE. Act subject to  
3 petition – effective date. This act takes effect on August 18, 2026,  
4 assuming the general assembly adjourns sine die on May 18,  
5 2026; except that, if a veto petition is filed pursuant to Article II,  
6 Section 15 of the state constitution against this act or an item,  
7 section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
8 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people  
9 at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such  
10 case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the  
11 vote thereon by the governor.