

HB 531 -- AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Nichols

This bill requires the office of Secretary of State to conduct automatic voter registration by use of information provided by the Department of Revenue regarding driver's licenses and address changes. Local election authorities will retain authority to verify voter eligibility and use existing procedures to place and remove voter names from the list of eligible voters. The bill has time limits for notification of eligible voters and an "opt out" provision allowing eligible voters to decline registration. The bill is subject to appropriations funding by the General Assembly in order to pay any administrative costs and is otherwise void. The bill does not inhibit existing methods for voluntary voter registration or voting.

This bill is the same as HB 2081 (2016).