

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 938

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to amend 5.056; and to create 5.057 and 343.17 (3) (a) 16. of the statutes; relating to: verifying citizenship of individuals on the official voter registration list and contents of operator's licenses and identification cards.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 5.056 of the statutes is amended to read:

5.056 Matching program with secretary of transportation. The commission administrator shall enter into the agreement with the secretary of transportation specified under s. 85.61 (1) to match personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s. 6.36 (1) and the information specified in s. 6.34 (2m) with personally identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation. The agreement shall also provide that the commission review the personally identifiable information maintained by the department of transportation 60 days before the distribution of absentee ballots to electors before an election to verify that individuals on the official registration list are U.S. citizens.

SECTION 2. 5.057 of the statutes is created to read:

5.057 Verification by the Department of Homeland Security. The commission shall verify that individuals on the official registration list maintained by the commission under s. 6.36 (1) are U.S. citizens by using the systematic alien verification for entitlements database maintained by the federal Department of Homeland Security. The commission shall conduct the verification under this section 60 days before the distribution of absentee ballots to electors before an election.

SECTION 3. 343.17 (3) (a) 16. of the statutes is created to read:

343.17 (3) (a) 16. If the person is not a U.S. citizen, the legend "Not valid for voting purposes" or another readily recognizable indication that the license may not be accepted for voter identification purposes.

SECTION 4. **Initial applicability.**

(1) The treatment of s. 343.17 (3) (a) 16. first applies to operator's licenses and identification cards issued by the department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."