IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1297, As Amended

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-409, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-321, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPON REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AMENDING SECTION 34-404, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-408, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-416, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-416, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-419, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-420, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 74-106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 74-106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4, Title 34, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 34-409, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 34-409. ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION. (1) The office of the secretary of state may create and maintain an electronic system for voter registration that is publicly available on its official website. Any qualified elector who has a current valid driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to title 49, Idaho Code, that reflects the person's current principal place of residence, may register to vote by submitting a completed voter registration application electronically through such website. Electronic voter registration applications shall be submitted before the close of registration as provided in section 34-408, Idaho Code.
- (2) The electronic voter registration application shall be in a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall:
 - (a) Require the information under oath or affirmation set forth in section 34-411, Idaho Code;
 - (b) Include notice of the requirement to provide personal identification before voting at the polls as set forth in section 34-1113, Idaho Code; and
 - (c) Require an electronic signature of the applicant.
- (3) The office of the secretary of state shall obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card signature from the Idaho transportation department. The Idaho transportation department shall, upon request of the office of the secretary of state, provide a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card signature.

- (4) Upon receipt of a completed voter registration application and a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card signature from the Idaho transportation department, the office of the secretary of state shall send the information to the county clerk for the county in which the applicant resides. The county clerk shall prepare and issue to each elector registering electronically a verification of registration containing the name and residence of the elector and the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides. Such verification of registration may be sent by nonforwardable first-class mail or by electronic mail at the elector's option. If a verification is returned undeliverable, then the county clerk shall remove the elector from the register of electors.
- (5) An applicant using the electronic system for voter registration pursuant to this section shall not be required to complete a printed registration card.
- (6) The office of the secretary of state may use such security measures necessary to ensure the accuracy and integrity of an electronically submitted voter registration application.
- SECTION 2. That Section 49-321, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-321. RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY THE DEPARTMENT. (1) The department shall file every application for a driver's license received by it and shall maintain suitable indices containing:
 - (a) All applications denied and on each note the reason for denial;
 - (b) All applications granted;

- (c) The name of every licensee whose driver's license has been suspended, revoked, canceled, denied or disqualified by the department and after each name note the reasons for the action;
- (d) The driver's license number for the applicant; and
- (e) The social security number of the applicant.
- (2) The department shall file the original or copy of the medical examiner's certificates, medical exemption letters and skill performance evaluation certificates of all commercial driver's license or instruction permit holders required to provide documentation of their physical qualification. The department shall maintain the document(s) for a period of three (3) years beyond the date the certificate or document was issued.
- (3) The department shall also file all accident reports and abstracts of court records of convictions received by it under the law from any jurisdiction and is authorized to forward records of convictions, suspensions or disqualifications to any jurisdiction. Records may be in either paper or electronic form. The department shall maintain convenient records or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of each licensee showing the convictions and the traffic accidents in which the licensee has been involved shall be readily ascertainable and available for consideration of the department upon any application for renewal of a driver's license and at other suitable times.
- (4) The department of health and welfare, on or about the 25th day of each month shall, upon the request of the department, furnish the department a listing showing the name, age, county of residence, and residence address of each Idaho resident who has died during the preceding month. The listing

shall be used only for purposes of updating the driver's license files of the department and shall be subject to disclosure according to chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code.

- (5) The department, upon request by the office of the secretary of state, shall provide the office of the secretary of state with a digital copy of the driver's license or identification card signature of a person who is an applicant for voter registration pursuant to section 34-409, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 3. That Section 34-404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 34-404. REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS. (1) All electors must register before being able to vote at any primary, general, special, school or any other election governed by the provisions of title 34, Idaho Code. Registration of a qualified person occurs when a legible, accurate and complete registration eard application is received in the office of the county clerk or is received at the polls pursuant to section 34-408A, Idaho Code.
- (2) Each elector may select on the registration <u>eard application</u> an affiliation with a political party qualified to participate in elections pursuant to section 34-501, Idaho Code, or may select to be designated as "unaffiliated." The county clerk shall record the party affiliation or "unaffiliated" designation so selected as part of the elector's registration record. If an elector shall fail or refuse to make such a selection, the county clerk shall enter on the registration records that such elector is "unaffiliated."
- (3) In order to provide an elector with the appropriate primary election ballot, pursuant to section 34-904A, Idaho Code, the poll book for primary elections shall include the party affiliation or designation as "unaffiliated" for each elector so registered. An "unaffiliated" elector shall declare to the poll worker which primary election ballot the elector chooses to vote in, pursuant to section 34-904A, Idaho Code, and the poll worker or other authorized election personnel shall record such declaration in the poll book. The poll book shall contain checkoff boxes to allow the poll worker or other authorized election personnel to record such "unaffiliated" elector's selection.
- (4) In order to provide electors who are already registered to vote, and who remain registered electors, with an opportunity to select a party affiliation or to select their status as "unaffiliated," the poll book for the 2012 primary election shall include checkoff boxes by which the poll worker or other appropriate election personnel shall record such elector's choice of party affiliation or choice to be designated as "unaffiliated." After the 2012 primary election, the county clerk shall record the party affiliation or "unaffiliated" designation so selected in the poll book as part of such an elector's record within the voter registration system as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code.
- (5) After the 2012 primary election, electors who remain registered voters and who did not vote in the 2012 primary election or who have not selected party affiliation or who have not selected to be designated as "unaffiliated," shall be designated as "unaffiliated" and the county clerk shall record that designation for each such elector within the voter registration system as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code.

SECTION 4. That Section 34-408, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 34-408. CLOSING OF REGISTER -- TIME LIMIT. (1) No elector may register in the office of the county clerk within twenty-four (24) days preceding any election held throughout the county in which he resides for the purpose of voting at such election; provided however, a legible, accurate and complete registration eard application received in the office of the county clerk during the twenty-four (24) day period preceding an election shall be accepted and held by the county clerk until the day following the election when registration reopens, at which time the registration shall become effective. This deadline shall also apply to any registrars the county clerk may have appointed.
- (2) Any elector who will complete his residence requirement or attain the requisite voting age during the period when the register of electors is closed may register prior to the closing of the register.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, an individual who is eligible to vote may also register, upon providing proof of residence, at the "absent electors' polling place" provided in section 34-1006, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 5. That Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 34-408A. ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION. An individual who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual maintains residence, by completing a registration card application, making an oath in the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence. An individual may prove residence for purposes of registering by:
- (1) Showing an Idaho driver's license or Idaho identification card application issued through the department of transportation; or
- (2) Showing any document which contains a valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card application; or
- (3) Showing a current valid student photo identification card application from a postsecondary educational institution in Idaho accompanied with a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct.

Election day registration provided in this section shall apply to all elections conducted under title 34, Idaho Code, and to school district and municipal elections.

An individual who is eligible to vote may also register, upon providing proof of residence, at the "absent electors' polling place" provided in section 34-1006, Idaho Code.

- SECTION 6. That Section 34-416, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 34-416. REGISTRATION CARDS APPLICATIONS. (1) The registration card application shall contain the following warning:

WARNING: Any elector who supplies any information, knowing it to be false, is guilty of perjury.

- (2) The elector shall read the warning set forth in subsection (1) of this section and shall sign his name in an appropriate place on the completed card application.
- (3) The registration <u>card</u> <u>application</u> completed and signed as provided in this section constitutes the official registration <u>card</u> <u>application</u> of the elector. The county clerk shall keep and file all such <u>cards</u> <u>applications</u> in a convenient manner in his office. Such <u>cards</u> <u>applications</u> constitute the register of electors and shall be considered confidential and unavailable for public inspection and copying except as provided by subsection (25) of section 74-106, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 7. That Section 34-419, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 34-419. SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS WHO APPEAR NOT TO BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. The county clerk shall remove from the register of electors the official registration eard application of any elector who appears by the registration records in the office of the county clerk not to be a citizen of the United States and shall suspend the registration of such elector. The county clerk shall mail a written notice of such removal and suspension to the elector at his residence address indicated on the eard application. If the elector proves to the county clerk that he is in fact a citizen of the United States, his eard application shall be replaced in the register and his registration reinstated.
- SECTION 8. That Section 34-420, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 34-420. NO ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION SHALL BE CANCELLED WHILE HE IS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES -- EXCEPTION. (1) Except as provided in section 34-435, Idaho Code, no elector's registration shall be cancelled, nor shall he be deprived of his right to vote at any election by reason of the removal of his official registration <u>card</u> <u>application</u> from the register of electors, during any period that he is serving in the armed forces of the United States or of any ally of the United States.
 - (2) In order to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the one hundred twenty (120) day limitation in section 34-435, Idaho Code, shall be waived for the year 1987, in order to allow military registrations to be cancelled by the county clerk in calendar year 1987.
 - SECTION 9. That Section 74-106, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 74-106. RECORDS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE -- PERSONNEL RECORDS, PERSONAL INFORMATION, HEALTH RECORDS, PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE. The following records are exempt from disclosure:
 - (1) Except as provided in this subsection, all personnel records of a current or former public official other than the public official's pub-

lic service or employment history, classification, pay grade and step, longevity, gross salary and salary history, status, workplace and employing agency. All other personnel information relating to a public employee or applicant including, but not limited to, information regarding sex, race, marital status, birth date, home address and telephone number, applications, testing and scoring materials, grievances, correspondence and performance evaluations, shall not be disclosed to the public without the employee's or applicant's written consent. Names of applicants to classified or merit system positions shall not be disclosed to the public without the applicant's written consent. Disclosure of names as part of a background check is permitted. Names of the five (5) final applicants to all other positions shall be available to the public. If such group is less than five (5) finalists, then the entire list of applicants shall be available to the public. A public official or authorized representative may inspect and copy his personnel records, except for material used to screen and test for employment.

- (2) Retired employees' and retired public officials' home addresses, home telephone numbers and other financial and nonfinancial membership records; active and inactive member financial and membership records and mortgage portfolio loan documents maintained by the public employee retirement system. Financial statements prepared by retirement system staff, funding agents and custodians concerning the investment of assets of the public employee retirement system of Idaho are not considered confidential under this chapter.
- (3) Information and records submitted to the Idaho state lottery for the performance of background investigations of employees, lottery retailers and major procurement contractors; audit records of lottery retailers, vendors and major procurement contractors submitted to or performed by the Idaho state lottery; validation and security tests of the state lottery for lottery games; business records and information submitted pursuant to sections 67-7412(8) and (9) and 67-7421(8) and (9), Idaho Code, and such documents and information obtained and held for the purposes of lottery security and investigative action as determined by lottery rules unless the public interest in disclosure substantially outweighs the private need for protection from public disclosure.
 - (4) Records of a personal nature as follows:
 - (a) Records of personal debt filed with a public agency or independent public body corporate and politic pursuant to law;
 - (b) Personal bank records compiled by a public depositor for the purpose of public funds transactions conducted pursuant to law;
 - (c) Records of ownership of financial obligations and instruments of a public agency or independent public body corporate and politic, such as bonds, compiled by the public agency or independent public body corporate and politic pursuant to law;
 - (d) Records, with regard to the ownership of, or security interests in, registered public obligations;
 - (e) Vital statistics records; and

- (f) Military records as described in and pursuant to section 65-301, Idaho Code.
- (5) Information in an income or other tax return measured by items of income or sales, which is gathered by a public agency for the purpose of ad-

ministering the tax, except such information to the extent disclosed in a written decision of the tax commission pursuant to a taxpayer protest of a deficiency determination by the tax commission, under the provisions of section 63-3045B, Idaho Code.

- (6) Records of a personal nature related directly or indirectly to the application for and provision of statutory services rendered to persons applying for public care for people who are elderly, indigent or have mental or physical disabilities, or participation in an environmental or a public health study, provided the provisions of this subsection making records exempt from disclosure shall not apply to the extent that such records or information contained in those records are necessary for a background check on an individual that is required by federal law regulating the sale of firearms, guns or ammunition.
- (7) Employment security information, except that a person may agree, through written, informed consent, to waive the exemption so that a third party may obtain information pertaining to the person, unless access to the information by the person is restricted by subsection (3)(a), (3)(b) or (3)(d) of section 74-113, Idaho Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 74-113, Idaho Code, a person may not review identifying information concerning an informant who reported to the department of labor a suspected violation by the person of the employment security law, chapter 13, title 72, Idaho Code, under an assurance of confidentiality. As used in this section and in chapter 13, title 72, Idaho Code, "employment security information" means any information descriptive of an identifiable person or persons that is received by, recorded by, prepared by, furnished to or collected by the department of labor or the industrial commission in the administration of the employment security law.
- (8) Any personal records, other than names, business addresses and business phone numbers, such as parentage, race, religion, sex, height, weight, tax identification and social security numbers, financial worth or medical condition submitted to any public agency or independent public body corporate and politic pursuant to a statutory requirement for licensing, certification, permit or bonding.
- (9) Unless otherwise provided by agency rule, information obtained as part of an inquiry into a person's fitness to be granted or retain a license, certificate, permit, privilege, commission or position, private association peer review committee records authorized in title 54, Idaho Code. Any agency which has records exempt from disclosure under the provisions of this subsection shall annually make available a statistical summary of the number and types of matters considered and their disposition.
- (10) The records, findings, determinations and decisions of any prelitigation screening panel formed under chapters 10 and 23, title 6, Idaho Code.
- (11) Complaints received by the board of medicine and investigations and informal proceedings, including informal proceedings of any committee of the board of medicine, pursuant to chapter 18, title 54, Idaho Code, and rules adopted thereunder.
- (12) Records of the department of health and welfare or a public health district that identify a person infected with a reportable disease.
- (13) Records of hospital care, medical records, including prescriptions, drug orders, records or any other prescription information that

specifically identifies an individual patient, prescription records maintained by the board of pharmacy under sections 37-2726 and 37-2730A, Idaho Code, records of psychiatric care or treatment and professional counseling records relating to an individual's condition, diagnosis, care or treatment, provided the provisions of this subsection making records exempt from disclosure shall not apply to the extent that such records or information contained in those records are necessary for a background check on an individual that is required by federal law regulating the sale of firearms, guns or ammunition.

- (14) Information collected pursuant to the directory of new hires act, chapter 16, title 72, Idaho Code.
- (15) Personal information contained in motor vehicle and driver records that is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of chapter 2, title 49, Idaho Code.
- (16) Records of the financial status of prisoners pursuant to subsection (2) of section 20-607, Idaho Code.
- (17) Records of the Idaho state police or department of correction received or maintained pursuant to section 19-5514, Idaho Code, relating to DNA databases and databanks.
- (18) Records of the department of health and welfare relating to a survey, resurvey or complaint investigation of a licensed nursing facility shall be exempt from disclosure. Such records shall, however, be subject to disclosure as public records as soon as the facility in question has received the report, and no later than the fourteenth day following the date that department of health and welfare representatives officially exit the facility pursuant to federal regulations. Provided however, that for purposes of confidentiality, no record shall be released under this section which specifically identifies any nursing facility resident.
- (19) Records and information contained in the registry of immunizations against childhood diseases maintained in the department of health and welfare, including information disseminated to others from the registry by the department of health and welfare.
- (20) Records of the Idaho housing and finance association (IHFA) relating to the following:
 - (a) Records containing personal financial, family, health or similar personal information submitted to or otherwise obtained by the IHFA;
 - (b) Records submitted to or otherwise obtained by the IHFA with regard to obtaining and servicing mortgage loans and all records relating to the review, approval or rejection by the IHFA of said loans;
 - (c) Mortgage portfolio loan documents;
 - (d) Records of a current or former employee other than the employee's duration of employment with the association, position held and location of employment. This exemption from disclosure does not include the contracts of employment or any remuneration, including reimbursement of expenses, of the executive director, executive officers or commissioners of the association. All other personnel information relating to an association employee or applicant including, but not limited to, information regarding sex, race, marital status, birth date, home address and telephone number, applications, testing and scoring materials, grievances, correspondence, retirement plan information and per-

formance evaluations, shall not be disclosed to the public without the employee's or applicant's written consent. An employee or authorized representative may inspect and copy that employee's personnel records, except for material used to screen and test for employment or material not subject to disclosure elsewhere in the Idaho public records act.

- (21) Records of the department of health and welfare related to child support services in cases in which there is reasonable evidence of domestic violence, as defined in chapter 63, title 39, Idaho Code, that can be used to locate any individuals in the child support case except in response to a court order.
- (22) Records of the Idaho state bar lawyer assistance program pursuant to chapter 49, title 54, Idaho Code, unless a participant in the program authorizes the release pursuant to subsection (4) of section 54-4901, Idaho Code.
- (23) Records and information contained in the trauma registry created by chapter 20, title 57, Idaho Code, together with any reports, analyses and compilations created from such information and records.
- (24) Records contained in the court files, or other records prepared as part of proceedings for judicial authorization of sterilization procedures pursuant to chapter 39, title 39, Idaho Code.
- (25) The physical voter registration <u>card</u> <u>application</u> on file in the county clerk's office; however, a redacted copy of said <u>card</u> <u>application</u> shall be made available consistent with the requirements of this section. Information from the voter registration <u>card</u> <u>application</u> maintained in the statewide voter registration database, including age, will be made available except for the voter's driver's license number, date of birth and, upon a showing that the voter comes within the provisions of subsection (30) of this section or upon showing of good cause by the voter to the county clerk in consultation with the county prosecuting attorney, the physical residence address of the voter. For the purposes of this subsection good cause shall include the protection of life and property and protection of victims of domestic violence and similar crimes.
- (26) File numbers, passwords and information in the files of the health care directive registry maintained by the secretary of state under section 39-4515, Idaho Code, are confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person other than to the person who executed the health care directive or the revocation thereof and that person's legal representatives, to the person who registered the health care directive or revocation thereof, and to physicians, hospitals, medical personnel, nursing homes, and other persons who have been granted file number and password access to the documents within that specific file.
- (27) Records in an address confidentiality program participant's file as provided for in chapter 57, title 19, Idaho Code, other than the address designated by the secretary of state, except under the following circumstances:
 - (a) If requested by a law enforcement agency, to the law enforcement agency; or
 - (b) If directed by a court order, to a person identified in the order.
- (28) Except as otherwise provided by law relating to the release of information to a governmental entity or law enforcement agency, any personal

information including, but not limited to, names, personal and business addresses and phone numbers, sex, height, weight, date of birth, social security and driver's license numbers, or any other identifying numbers and/or information related to any Idaho fish and game licenses, permits and tags unless written consent is obtained from the affected person.

- (29) Documents and records related to continuing education and record-keeping violations that are maintained by the Idaho board of veterinary medicine under the provisions of section 54-2118(1)(b), Idaho Code, provided the requirements set forth therein are met.
- (30) The Idaho residential street address and telephone number of an eligible law enforcement officer and such officer's residing household member(s) as provided for in chapter 58, title 19, Idaho Code, except under the following circumstances:
 - (a) If directed by a court order, to a person identified in the court order;
 - (b) If requested by a law enforcement agency, to the law enforcement agency;
 - (c) If requested by a financial institution or title company for business purposes, to the requesting financial institution or title company; or
 - (d) If the law enforcement officer provides written permission for disclosure of such information.
- (31) All information exchanged between the Idaho transportation department and insurance companies, any database created, all information contained in the verification system and all reports, responses or other information generated for the purposes of the verification system, pursuant to section 49-1234, Idaho Code.
- (32) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the release of information to the state controller as the state social security administrator as provided in section 59-1101A, Idaho Code.
- (33) Personal information including, but not limited to, property values, personal and business addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, social security and driver's license numbers or any other identifying numbers or information maintained by the administrator of the unclaimed property law set forth in chapter 5, title 14, Idaho Code. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the release of names, last known city of residence, property value ranges and general property information by the administrator for the purpose of reuniting unclaimed property with its owner.

SECTION 10. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.