

from the sale or other disposition of any property purchased pursuant to section 4 of this 1975 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. There is added to chapter 75.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No application for participation in the program provided for in this 1975 amendatory act shall be accepted by the department later than June 30, 1977. The director shall provide for the expeditious completion of the program thereafter and shall notify the state legislature when such provisions might appropriately be declared null and void.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. This 1975 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 184

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2611]

VOTER REGISTRATION—TRANSFERS

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending section 2, chapter 153, Laws of 1973 and RCW 29.07.092; amending section 29.10.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 24, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.020; amending section 8, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 36, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.160; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 153, Laws of 1973 and RCW 29.07.092 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor shall acknowledge each new voter registration or transfer by providing or sending ((to)) the voter((, ~~by first class nonforwardable mail,~~)) a card identifying his current precinct and containing such other information as may be prescribed by the secretary of state.

Sec. 2. Section 29.10.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 24, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Any registered voter who changes his residence from one ((precinct)) address to another within the same county, shall have his registration transferred to his new address by sending to the county auditor a signed request stating his present address and precinct, and the address and precinct from which he was last registered, or by appearing in person before him to have his registration transferred, and signing such request, or in the manner provided by RCW 29.10.160, as now or hereafter amended.

Sec. 3. Section 8, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as amended by section 36, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.10.160 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((At the time the county auditor inspects the permanent registration records in his possession, to determine whether or not any voter's record should be canceled for failure to vote as provided in section RCW 29.10.080, as now or hereafter amended, he))~~ After each primary and after each election, special or general, the county auditor shall ((also)) compare the voter registration record with the signature and address of each voter as it appears in the ((poll book)) precinct list of registered voters used at ((the most recent preceding state general)) each such primary and each such election. If the address of any voter, as written by the voter, in the ((poll book)) precinct list of registered voters does not agree with the address of the voter as stated on his permanent registration records, the registration officer shall((:

~~(1) Send a notice, by certified mail to addressee only, with return receipt requested, showing address where delivered, to the voter, using the address as given in the poll book and advising him that he must either have his registration transferred or register anew, as the case may be. Such notice shall also contain a prepaid postcard form addressed to the county auditor for the convenience of the voter to indicate what action the voter intends to take.~~

~~(2))~~ enter the new address and precinct name or number on the permanent registration record and notify the voter, by mail, that his registration has been transferred in the manner provided by RCW 29.10.060 as now or hereafter amended: PROVIDED, That if the voter believes that his registration record should not be changed, he shall so notify the county auditor who, in turn, shall promptly arrange for a hearing unless it is manifestly apparent that the voter's reasons are valid for keeping his record unchanged. If a hearing is necessary, any ruling issued by the registration officer shall be final, subject only to a petition for judicial review by the superior court under the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

~~((3) If the notice mailed by the county auditor is either returned as undeliverable or the voter does not respond within thirty days from the date of mailing, the county auditor shall cancel the registration record concerned and notify the secretary of state of such cancellation. If the voter received the notice, as evidenced by the return receipt, the county auditor shall further notify such voter by first class mail that his registration has been canceled.))~~

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1975 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this 1975 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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