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AB-2127 Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 2127

CHAPTER 378

An act to amend and repeal Section 2275 of the Elections Code, relating to voter registration.

[Approved by Governor September 22, 2024. Filed with Secretary of State September 22, 2024.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2127, Berman. Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State and the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the California New Motor Voter Program for the purpose of increasing opportunities for voter registration. Pursuant to this program, existing law requires every driver's license application to include a voter registration application that consists of, among other things, an attestation that the applicant meets voter eligibility requirements. Under existing law, a person who attests to their eligibility to vote on the voter registration application will be registered to vote unless the voter affirmatively declines to register to vote. Existing law, until January 1, 2025, requires the Secretary of State to establish a taskforce of specified members that, among other tasks, must convene for meetings at least quarterly and advise the Secretary of State and the department on effective implementation of the California New Motor Voter Program.

This bill would extend the operation of the taskforce until January 1, 2030.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2275 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

2275. (a) The Secretary of State shall establish a taskforce that includes all of the following members:

- (1) The Secretary of State's NVRA coordinator.
- (2) The department's NVRA coordinator.
- (3) County elections officials.
- (4) Individuals with demonstrated language accessibility experience for languages covered under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).
- (5) Representatives of the disability community and community organizations and individuals that advocate on behalf of, or provide services to, individuals with disabilities.

(6) Experts with demonstrated experience in the field of elections.

(7) Experts with demonstrated experience in the field of civic design.

(b) The Secretary of State shall convene the taskforce for meetings at least quarterly.

(c) The taskforce shall consult with the Secretary of State and the department on the development of the annual review required by Section 2276.

(d) The taskforce shall advise the Secretary of State and the department on the effective implementation of the California New Motor Voter Program.

This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2030, deletes or extends that date.