

cipally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1971 of this title and Tables.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 103-31, § 13, May 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 89, provided that: "This Act [see Short Title note set out under section 1971 of this title] shall take effect—

"(1) with respect to a State that on the date of enactment of this Act [May 20, 1993] has a provision in the constitution of the State that would preclude compliance with this Act unless the State maintained separate Federal and State official lists of eligible voters, on the later of—

"(A) January 1, 1996; or

"(B) the date that is 120 days after the date by which, under the constitution of the State as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, it would be legally possible to adopt and place into effect any amendments to the constitution of the State that are necessary to permit such compliance with this Act without requiring a special election; and

"(2) with respect to a State not described in paragraph (1), on January 1, 1995."

SHORT TITLE

This subchapter is known as the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993", see Short Title note set out under section 1971 of this title.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Pub. L. 104-132, title IX, § 902, Apr. 24, 1996, 110 Stat. 1317, provided that: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Federal, State, or local government agency may not use a voter registration card (or other related document) that evidences registration for an election for Federal office, as evidence to prove United States citizenship."

Similar provisions were contained in section 117 of H.R. 2076, One Hundred Fourth Congress, as passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 6, 1995, and as enacted into law by Pub. L. 104-91, title I, § 101(a), Jan. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 11, as amended by Pub. L. 104-99, title II, § 211, Jan. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 37.

§ 1973gg-1. Definitions

As used in this subchapter—

(1) the term "election" has the meaning stated in section 431(1) of title 2;

(2) the term "Federal office" has the meaning stated in section 431(3) of title 2;

(3) the term "motor vehicle driver's license" includes any personal identification document issued by a State motor vehicle authority;

(4) the term "State" means a State of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

(5) the term "voter registration agency" means an office designated under section 1973gg-5(a)(1) of this title to perform voter registration activities.

(Pub. L. 103-31, § 3, May 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 77.)

§ 1973gg-2. National procedures for voter registration for elections for Federal office

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, notwithstanding any other Federal or State law, in addition to any other method of voter registration provided for under State law, each State shall establish procedures to register to vote in elections for Federal office—

(1) by application made simultaneously with an application for a motor vehicle driver's license pursuant to section 1973gg-3 of this title;

(2) by mail application pursuant to section 1973gg-4 of this title; and

(3) by application in person—

(A) at the appropriate registration site designated with respect to the residence of the applicant in accordance with State law; and

(B) at a Federal, State, or nongovernmental office designated under section 1973gg-5 of this title.

(b) Nonapplicability to certain States

This subchapter does not apply to a State described in either or both of the following paragraphs:

(1) A State in which, under law that is in effect continuously on and after August 1, 1994, there is no voter registration requirement for any voter in the State with respect to an election for Federal office.

(2) A State in which, under law that is in effect continuously on and after August 1, 1994, or that was enacted on or prior to August 1, 1994, and by its terms is to come into effect upon the enactment of this subchapter, so long as that law remains in effect, all voters in the State may register to vote at the polling place at the time of voting in a general election for Federal office.

(Pub. L. 103-31, § 4, May 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 78; Pub. L. 104-91, title I, § 101(a), Jan. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 11, amended Pub. L. 104-99, title II, § 211, Jan. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 37.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Upon the enactment of this subchapter, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 103-31, which was approved May 20, 1993.

CODIFICATION

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-91 is based on section 116(a) of H.R. 2076, One Hundred Fourth Congress, as passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 6, 1995, which was enacted into law by Pub. L. 104-91.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-91, as amended by Pub. L. 104-99, substituted "August 1, 1994" for "March 11, 1993" wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 116(b) of H.R. 2076, One Hundred Fourth Congress, as passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 6, 1995, and as enacted into law by Pub. L. 104-91, title I, § 101(a), Jan. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 11, as amended by Pub. L. 104-99, title II, § 211, Jan. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 37, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 [Pub. L. 103-31]."

§ 1973gg-3. Simultaneous application for voter registration and application for motor vehicle driver's license

(a) In general

(1) Each State motor vehicle driver's license application (including any renewal application) submitted to the appropriate State motor vehicle authority under State law shall serve as an application for voter registration with respect to elections for Federal office unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application.