



SUMMARY OF H. 2091 and S. 373
AN ACT AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERING ELIGIBLE VOTERS
AND ENHANCING SAFEGAURDS AGAINST FRAUD
Rep. Peter Kocot and Sen. Cindy Creem

- Establishes an automatic voter registration system to increase the efficiency and limit the total long-term cost of voter registration for the Commonwealth and its municipalities; ensures that every eligible citizen of the Commonwealth who wishes to be registered to vote is on the rolls, while updating the address information for voters who are already registered. Protects the constitutional right of all eligible citizens to participate in our election and encourages voter participation.
- Directs “registration agencies,” (already defined as state agencies that must register voters under the federal “motor voter” law) to collect registration information for citizens who transact official business and transmit it to local Registrars of Voters.
- Directs local Registrars of Voters to add those that are eligible and not already registered to their official register of voters. Updates address information for voters that are already registered, as necessary.
- Allows citizens to enroll in a political party or to decline to be registered for any reason.
- Safeguards our elections against fraud:
 - Joins the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a national clearinghouse that collects state registration information to prevent registration and voting in more than one state;
 - Requires local registrars to notify new registrants’ last place of registration that they have sought registration elsewhere to ensure that a voter is only on the rolls in one state;
 - Imposes a criminal penalty of up to a \$10,000 fine or 5 years’ imprisonment, or both, for anyone who knowingly provides false registration information.



- Gives the Secretary of the Commonwealth oversight over the entire system, including the power to issue regulations and guidelines; requires the Secretary to make an annual public report of the system's registration statistics.