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DRIVER LICENSING

Date: June 30, 2022

To: All Driver Licensing Personnel and County/City Issue Partners

From: Jane Schrank, Driver Licensing Director

Subject: Implementation of New South Dakota Driver License/I.D. Card Applications

As of July 8, 2022, all offices will have received a supply of new “South Dakota Driver License/I.D. Card Application” forms. Please do not begin using the new forms until the morning of July 8th. All old forms must be destroyed. A copy of the new application is attached.

Based upon our review of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and in consultation with legal counsel, it has been determined the revisions are appropriate to best serve applicants interested in registering to vote or changing their voter registration information.

The new application will require the applicant to check a box to “opt out” of having their information used to register them to vote or update their voter registration address.

Anyone wishing to vote, whether they are applying for a driver’s license/ID or not, can register to vote at any driver exam station or county/city issue site. An applicant must NOT be turned away or referred to any other office if they request to register to vote. Failure to allow someone to register to vote on the driver’s license application form is a violation of the NVRA.

If your office has not received a supply of new applications by July 6th please contact our office.