enactment. Requires each State to adopt uniform standards defining what constitutes a vote and what will be counted as a vote for each certified voting system.

Stipulates that the above requirements do not compel a jurisdiction to change to a different kind of voting system if the system it uses, including any paper ballot system, meets or can be modified to meet the requirements of this section.

Sec. 302. Provisional voting and voting information requirements

Requires that, beginning January 1, 2004, persons who claim to be registered to vote in a federal election in a jurisdiction but are not on the official list of registered voters or are otherwise *75 alleged**1095 to be ineligible be offered and permitted to cast a provisional ballot, the ballot be promptly verified and counted if determined to be valid under State law, and the voter (and no one else) be able to ascertain whether the ballot was counted (and if not, why not) through a free-access system and be informed of that option when the ballot is cast. Stipulates that States that do not require voter registration or that are described in section 4(b) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may use applicable State law.

Requires that a sample ballot and other voter information be posted at polling places on election day.

Requires that, if polling hours are extended as a result of a court order, any ballot cast in a federal election during that extension be provisional and be held separately from other provisional ballots.

Sec. 303. Computerized Statewide voter registration list requirements and requirements for voters who register by mail

Beginning January 1, 2004—or 2006 if the State certifies for good cause that it cannot meet that deadline—requires States to implement and maintain an interactive, centralized, and official Statewide computerized voter registration list accessible to all election officials in the State, and that contains registration information on every registered voter in the State. Requires the system to use a unique identification number for each registered voter and to be coordinated with other State databases. Persons can be removed from the list only under applicable provisions of NVRA. Election officials shall perform list maintenance with respect to the computerized list on a regular basis. If individuals are to be removed from the computerized list, they shall be removed in accordance with the provisions of NVRA. Consistent with NVRA, registrants who have not responded to a notice and have not voted in two consecutive general elections for federal office shall be removed from the official list of registered voters except that no registration may be removed solely by reason of failure to vote. Requires applicants to provide a valid driver's license number or, for applicants who do not have a valid driver's license number, the last four digits of the Social Security number. The State shall assign a unique identifier to individuals who do not have a valid driver's license number or a Social Security number. Requires sharing of information between voter registration and motor vehicle authority databases. Amends Sec. 205(r) of the Social Security Act to establish a mechanism for verifying the accuracy of information provided by a State driver's licence agency with respect to applications for voter registration. Requires States to use the mechanism except those that, in accordance with Sec. 7 of the Privacy Act of 1975, use the full Social Security number for voter registration, for whom this provision is optional.

Beginning January 1, 2003, requires certain voters who register by mail to present identification either when registering or when voting. Applies to persons who have not previously voted in a federal election in the State, or in the jurisdiction if the State does not comply with the requirements for a statewide computerized voter registration list. Accepted identification includes a copy *76 **1096 of a current and valid photo identification (the original if voting in person), utility bill, bank statement, or government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Alternatively, the voter may cast a provisional ballot. Does not apply if the mail-in registration includes the voter's name, date of birth, and driver's license number or the last 4 digits of the Social Security number, and they match