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PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB 84

Under current Georgia and federal law, numerous forms of ID, including a driver’s license, military
ID, bank statement or utility bill, are accepted as valid forms of ID at the polls. This list was initially
developed to prevent the ID requirement from becoming an undue burden to voters at the polls.

SB 84 will change these requirements to allow first-time registrants to show any form of HAVA-
compliant ID at the polls. However, the next time you arrive at the polls, you will be required to show
photo ID.

The League of Women Voters of Georgia opposes SB 84 because:

• Allowing photo ID only at the polls – whether it is the first or any subsequent time that a
voter presents themselves to cast a ballot – will make Georgia’s identification
requirements the most restrictive of any such requirements in the United States. These
changes will surely make Georgia the target of numerous law suits.

• Requiring photo ID as the only form of ID accepted at the polls will have a
disproportionate impact on minority, elderly, rural, disabled and poor voters who are less
likely to have a valid photo ID.

• Linking ID requirements to the number of times you have previously voted will prove
confusing to voters and poll workers alike, as well as have a potential negative impact on
voter turnout.

• Such changes will effectively eliminate provisional balloting. Instead of allowing voters
who forgot their ID to vote a provisional ballot and have their ID checked later, these
voters will be turned away from the polls and not allowed to vote.

• Proponents of SB 84 claim that allowing photo identification only at the polls will help
curb voter fraud. However, in recent years there have been no cases brought before the
State Elections Board of voters attempting to impersonate someone else to vote
fraudulently.

We appreciate your consideration of the points outlined above and your “no” vote on SB 84.

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