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It isn't known whether the state will appeal a recent ruling blocking the photo requirement for voters.

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JEFFERSON CITY | State officials Monday halted efforts to give voters free photo identification cards, and they killed a public information campaign saying the IDs were needed to vote in November.

That's because a ruling by Cole County Circuit Judge Richard Callahan last week struck down the new law requiring voters to present state-issued photo IDs at the polls. Attorney General Jay Nixon's office has not said yet whether it is going to appeal the ruling to the Missouri Supreme Court, but Republican proponents of the law were expected to do so.

A successful appeal could reverse the situation again shortly before the Nov. 7 election, requiring the state to once more start issuing the IDs for free and restart efforts to spread the word about the law.

As of Monday, the Missouri Department of Revenue started charging \$11 for the non-driver's license IDs it had been issuing for free to Missourians who want to vote in November. It also stopped sending vans to nursing homes and senior centers to issue the photo IDs to elderly voters without driver's licenses.

"I am disappointed that the court's order is so broad that it enjoins 'all employees' of the state - including Revenue's - from implementing this good law," Trish Vincent, the department's director, said in a statement.

The agency said it had issued 2,074 free non-driver's licenses, and it estimated that there are 138,000 Missourians without state-issued IDs.

Nixon's office said Monday that it was seeking to clarify the revenue department's obligations under Callahan's ruling.

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan's office said it had stopped its voter notification efforts. Advertisements planned for TV, radio and newspapers were scuttled, and a mailing intended to reach 200,000 households was canceled, said Stacie Temple, a spokeswoman for Carnahan.

Carnahan's office also took information off its Web site that explained the new law and ID requirements. However, the Department of Revenue kept the information on its Web site, but posted a disclaimer about the ruling and the resulting fee.

Temple said it made sense to immediately suspend all efforts to inform the public about the overturned law because voters would be confused if the state continued to disseminate information.

"It's also irresponsible to spend more taxpayer money on a law that's been declared unconstitutional," she said.

Sen. Delbert Scott, the Lowry City Republican who sponsored the law, has successfully intervened in the case as a defendant. Scott said he expected his attorneys to file an appeal of Callahan's ruling.

In his ruling, Callahan said the law violated Missourians' fundamental right to vote. Even though the law required the state to issue free photo IDs to those without driver's licenses, those people still would have had to pay money to obtain documents needed to get the free ID, the judge said.

Scott said lawmakers might address that concern in the next legislative session by allowing anyone who wants a non-driver's license ID to obtain certified copies of birth certificates and other documents for free.

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