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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding

Section 62.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.016. NOTICE OF ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION OUTSIDE
POLLING PLACES. The presiding judge shall post in a prominent place
on the outside of each polling location notice that a provisional
ballot will be provided to a person who executes the appropriate
affidavit and a list of the acceptable forms of photographic and
nonphotographic identification. The notice and list must be
printed:

(1) in English, Spanish, and any other language
appropriate to the precinct in which the polling place is located;
and

(2) using a font that is at least 24 point.

SECTION 2. Section 63.001, Election Code, is amended by
amending Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f) and adding Subsection
(g) to read as follows:

(b) On offering to vote, a voter must present to an election
officer at the polling place the voter’s voter registration
certificate and either:

(1) one form of identification listed in Section
63.0101(a); or
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(2) two different forms of identification listed in Section 63.0101(b) [to an election officer at the polling place].

(c) On presentation of the documentation required by Subsection (b) [a registration certificate], an election officer shall determine whether the voter’s name on the registration certificate is on the list of registered voters for the precinct.

(d) If the voter’s name is on the precinct list of registered voters and the voter’s identity can be verified from the proof presented, the voter shall be accepted for voting.

(f) After determining whether to accept a voter, an election officer shall return the voter’s documentation [registration certificate] to the voter.

(g) If the requirements for identification prescribed by Subsection (b)(1) or (2) are not met, the voter shall be accepted for provisional voting only under Section 63.011.

SECTION 1. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 63.0012 to read as follows:

Sec. 63.0012. USE OF ADDRESS ON IDENTIFICATION. (a) This section applies only to a voter who:

(1) presents a registration certificate;

(2) is on the list of registered voters for the precinct; and

(3) confirms the address on the list of registered voters is current under Section 63.0011.

(b) In verifying the identity of a voter described by Subsection (a) under Section 63.001, an election officer may not consider whether the voter’s address on a form described by Section
63.001(b)(1) or (2) matches the voter's address on the registration certificate or the list of registered voters.

SECTION 4. Section 63.006(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents a voter registration certificate indicating that the voter is currently registered in the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote, but whose name is not on the precinct list of registered voters, shall be accepted for voting if the voter’s identity can be verified from the proof presented.

SECTION 5. Section 63.007(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A voter who, when offering to vote, presents a voter registration certificate indicating that the voter is currently registered in a different precinct from the one in which the voter is offering to vote, and whose name is not on the precinct list of registered voters, shall be accepted for voting if the voter’s identity can be verified from the proof presented and the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter:

(1) is a resident of the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote or is otherwise entitled by law to vote in that precinct;

(2) was a resident of the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote at the time that information on the voter’s residence address was last provided to the voter registrar;

(3) did not deliberately provide false information to secure registration in a precinct in which the voter does not
SECTION 6. Section 63.008(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A voter who does not present a voter registration certificate when offering to vote, but whose name is on the list of registered voters for the precinct in which the voter is offering to vote, shall be accepted for voting if the voter executes an affidavit stating that the voter does not have the voter's voter registration certificate in the voter's possession at the polling place at the time of offering to vote and the voter's identity can be verified from the proof presented [voter presents proof of identification in a form described by Section 63.0101].

SECTION 7. Section 63.0101, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 63.0101. DOCUMENTATION OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION. 
(a) The following documentation is an acceptable form [as proof] of photo identification under this chapter:

(1) a driver's license or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety or the equivalent agency of another state that has not expired or that expired no earlier than two years before the date of presentation [or a similar document issued to the person by an agency of another state, regardless of whether the license or card has expired];

(2) a United States military identification card that contains the person's photograph [form of identification containing the person's photograph that establishes the person's
(3) a valid employee identification card that contains the person's photograph and is issued by an employer of the person in the ordinary course of the employer's business \[\text{[birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity]}\];

(4) a United States citizenship certificate \[\text{[papers]}\] issued to the person that contains the person's photograph;

(5) a United States passport issued to the person;

(6) a student identification card issued by a public or private institution of higher education that contains the person's photograph \[\text{[official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity]}\];

(7) a license to carry a concealed handgun issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety;

(8) an identification card issued by a state agency of this state that contains the person's photograph; or

(9) an identification card that contains the person's photograph and is issued by a county elections administrator or a county clerk.

(b) The following documentation is acceptable as proof of identification under this chapter:

(1) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter;

(2) \[\text{[official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity]}\]
(3) a certified copy of a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity;

(4) United States citizenship papers issued to the person;

(5) an original or certified copy of the person's marriage license or divorce decree;

(6) court records of the person's adoption, name change, or sex change;

(7) an identification card issued to the person by a governmental entity of this state or the United States for the purpose of obtaining public benefits, including veteran's benefits, Medicaid, or Medicare;

(8) a temporary driving permit issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety;

(9) a pilot's license issued to the person by the Federal Aviation Administration or another authorized agency of the United States;

(10) a library card that contains the person's name issued to the person by a public library located in this state; or

(11) a hunting or fishing license issued to a person by the Parks and Wildlife Department or

(12) any other form of identification prescribed by the Secretary of State).

(c) The commissioners court of a county may authorize the county elections administrator or the county clerk, as applicable, to issue photo identification cards that may be used as proof of a
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SECTION 8. Sections 63.011(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person to whom Section 63.001(g), 63.008(b), or 63.009(a) applies may cast a provisional ballot if the person executes an affidavit stating that the person:

(1) is a registered voter in the precinct in which the person seeks to vote; and

(2) is eligible to vote in the election.

(b) A form for the affidavit shall be printed on an envelope in which the provisional ballot voted by the person may be placed and must include a space for entering the identification number of the provisional ballot voted by the person and a space for an election officer to indicate whether the person presented proof of identification as required by Section 63.001(b)(1) or (2). The affidavit form may include space for disclosure of any necessary information to enable the person to register to vote under Chapter 13. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the affidavit under this section.

SECTION 9. Section 65.054(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A provisional ballot may be accepted only if:

(1) the board determines that, from the information in the affidavit or contained in public records, the person is eligible to vote in the election; and

(2) the voter presents proof of identification as required by Section 63.001(b)(1) or (2):
(A) at the time the ballot was cast; or

(B) in the period prescribed under Section 

65.0541.

SECTION 10. Subchapter B, Chapter 65, Election Code, is
amended by adding Section 65.0541 to read as follows:

Sec. 65.0541. PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. (a) A voter who is accepted for provisional
voting under Subsection (a) of Section 63.011 because the voter does not present
proof of identification as required by Section 63.001(b)(1) or (2)
may submit proof of identification to the voter registrar by
personal delivery or by mail for examination by the early voting
ballot board not later than the fifth day after the date of the

election.

(b) The early voting ballot board shall accept a provisional
ballot under Section 65.054 if the voter:

(1) presents proof of identification in the manner
required by this section; and

(2) is otherwise eligible to vote in the election.

(c) The office of the voter registrar shall be open on a
Saturday that falls within the five-day period described by
Subsection (a) for a voter to present identification as provided
under this section.

(d) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures as
necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 11. Section 521.422, Transportation Code, is
amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
read as follows:
(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the fee for a personal identification certificate is:

(1) $15 for a person under 60 years of age;

(2) $5 for a person 60 years of age or older; and

(3) $20 for a person subject to the registration requirements under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(d) The department may not collect a fee for a personal identification certificate issued to a person who executes an affidavit stating that the person is financially unable to pay the required fee and:

(1) who is a registered voter in this state and presents a valid voter registration certificate; or

(2) who is eligible for registration under Section 13.001, Election Code, and submits a registration application to the department.

SECTION 12. The changes in law made by this Act take effect only if:

(1) the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issues a declaratory judgment under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973c that this Act does not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in 42 U.S.C. Section 1973b(f)(2); or

(2) the secretary of state submits this Act to the United States Attorney General under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973c and the attorney general does not interpose an objection within the time provided by that section.
SECTION 13. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.