person seeks to vote; and

(b) A form for an affidavit required by this section must [shall] be printed on an envelope in which the provisional ballot voted by the person may be placed and must include:

(1) a space for entering the identification number of the provisional ballot voted by the person; and

(2) a space for an election officer to indicate whether the person presented a form of identification described by Section 63.0101.

(b-1) 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 16. Subsection (b), Section 64.012, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second [third] degree unless the person is convicted of an attempt. In that case, the offense is a state jail felony [Class A misdemeanor].

SECTION 17. Subsection (b), Section 65.054, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A provisional ballot [shall [may] be accepted [only] if the board determines that:

(1) [+] from the information in the affidavit or contained in public records, the person is eligible to vote in the election and has not previously voted in that election;

(2) the person:
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(A) meets the identification requirements of
Section 63.001(b) at the time the ballot was cast or in the period
prescribed under Section 65.0541;

(B) notwithstanding Chapter 110, Civil Practice
and Remedies Code, executes an affidavit under penalty of perjury
that states the voter has a religious objection to being
photographed and the voter has consistently refused to be
photographed for any governmental purpose from the time the voter
has held this belief; or

(C) executes an affidavit under penalty of
perjury that states the voter does not have any identification
meeting the requirements of Section 63.001(b) as a result of a
natural disaster that was declared by the president of the United
States or the governor, occurred not earlier than 45 days before the
date the ballot was cast, and caused the destruction of or inability
to access the voter's identification; and

(3) the voter has not been challenged and voted a
provisional ballot solely because the voter did not meet the
requirements for identification prescribed by Section 63.001(b).

SECTION 18. 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 Section 63.011 because the voter does not meet the
identification requirements of Section 63.001(b) may, not later
than the sixth day after the date of the election:

(1) present a form of identification described by
Section 63.0101 to the voter registrar for examination; or

(2) execute an affidavit described by Section 65.054(b)(2)(B) or (C) in the presence of the voter registrar.

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

SECTION 19. Section 66.0241, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66.0241. CONTENTS OF ENVELOPE NO. 4. Envelope no. 4 must contain:

(1) the precinct list of registered voters;
(2) the registration correction list;
(3) the registration omissions list;
(4) any statements of residence executed under Section 63.0011; and
(5) any affidavits executed under Section 63.006 [63.007] or 63.011.

SECTION 20. Subtitle B, Title 7, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 521A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 521A. ELECTION IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Sec. 521A.001. ELECTION IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE.

(a) The department shall issue an election identification certificate to a person who states that the person is obtaining the certificate for the purpose of satisfying Section 63.001(b), Election Code, and does not have another form of identification described by Section 63.0101, Election Code, 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.

(b) The department may not collect a fee for an election identification certificate or a duplicate election identification certificate issued under this section.

(c) An election identification certificate may not be used or accepted as a personal identification certificate.

(d) An election officer may not deny the holder of an election identification certificate the ability to vote because the holder has an election identification certificate rather than a driver's license or personal identification certificate issued under this subtitle.

(e) An election identification certificate must be similar in form to, but distinguishable in color from, a driver's license and a personal identification certificate. The department may cooperate with the secretary of state in developing the form and appearance of an election identification certificate.

(f) The department may require each applicant for an original or renewal election identification certificate to furnish to the department the information required by Section 521.142.

(g) The department may cancel and require surrender of an election identification certificate after determining that the holder was not entitled to the certificate or gave incorrect or incomplete information in the application for the certificate.

(h) A certificate expires on a date specified by the department, except that a certificate issued to a person 70 years of
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age or older does not expire.

SECTION 21. Sections 63.007 and 63.008, Election Code, are
repealed.

SECTION 22. Effective September 1, 2011:

(1) as soon as practicable, the secretary of state
shall adopt the training standards and develop the training
materials required to implement the change in law made by this Act
to Section 32.111, Election Code; and

(2) as soon as practicable, the county clerk of each
county shall provide a session of training under Section 32.114,
Election Code, using the standards adopted and materials developed
to implement the change in law made by this Act to Section 32.111,
Election Code.

SECTION 23. The change in law made by this Act in amending
Subsection (b), Section 64.012, Election Code, applies only to an
offense committed on or after January 1, 2012. An offense committed
before January 1, 2012, is covered by the law in effect when the
offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for
that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed
before January 1, 2012, if any element of the offense occurs before
that date.

SECTION 24. Effective September 1, 2011, state funds
disbursed under Chapter 19, Election Code, for the purpose of
defraying expenses of the voter registrar's office in connection
with voter registration may also be used for additional expenses
related to coordinating voter registration drives or other
activities designed to expand voter registration. This section
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1 expires January 1, 2013.
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3 SECTION 25. Every provision in this Act and every
4 application of the provisions in this Act are severable from each
5 other. If any application of any provision in this Act to any
6 person or group of persons or circumstances is found by a court to
7 be invalid, the remainder of this Act and the application of the
8 Act's provisions to all other persons and circumstances may not be
9 affected. All constitutionally valid applications of this Act
10 shall be severed from any applications that a court finds to be
11 invalid, leaving the valid applications in force, because it is the
12 legislature's intent and priority that the valid applications be
13 allowed to stand alone. Even if a reviewing court finds a provision
14 of this Act invalid in a large or substantial fraction of relevant
15 cases, the remaining valid applications shall be severed and
16 allowed to remain in force.
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18 SECTION 26. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
19 Act takes effect January 1, 2012.
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 14 passed the Senate on January 26, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 11;
April 5, 2011, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; April 11, 2011, House granted request of the Senate; May 9, 2011, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 14 passed the House, with amendments, on March 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 101, Nays 48, one present not voting; April 11, 2011, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 16, 2011, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 98, Nays 46, one present not voting.

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

27 May '11

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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Secretary of State

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Debbie Riddle
4 hours ago

The Dept of Justice in D.C. obviously finds a 100 pound woman legislator from TX who wants to stop voter fraud more of a threat than the Mexican Drug Cartel. I will be deposed - questioned in a deposition May 31st - regarding my work in helping get the Voter Photo ID bill pass in TX Well this 100 pound woman legislator may have a few words for Eric Holder's lawyers that they may not like.

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Aaron Dunn Let them have it Debbie!
4 hours ago

Stacy Dement King Welch You go girl!
4 hours ago via mobile

Michelle Hovey Fogle Rock On!
4 hours ago via mobile

Leslie Krause Collins You go, Debbie! We the People have got your back!
4 hours ago via mobile

Jan Ward GOOD FOR YOU!!!
4 hours ago

Tom Gupton Ask them when we are going to stop being punished under the 1964 Civil Rights Laws! The southern states are being treated like D.C. and I am tired of it! You give it to them Debbie!!!
4 hours ago

Chris O'Rourke Tear 'em up!
4 hours ago via mobile

Chadwick Chad L Ottowat Maybe some investigations need to be run against the DOJ. Just kaper!
4 hours ago via mobile

Ray Johnson Su'rem, Debbie. This is your own Santa Ray
4 hours ago

Shannon Wilkerson I have a few choice words of my own, but I don't think you would fare well sharing them. Suffice it to say, I believe Holder belongs in prison.
4 hours ago

Krista Adler Saucoody You go girl!
4 hours ago via mobile

Debbie Riddle I would like to add that Rep. Patricia Harless did an outstanding job in her work in passing the bill. She too has been deposed already - she was first
4 hours ago

Hal Reed I'd corner Holder on his stonewalling on his involvement in buying weapons in Texas, and knowingly letting them get into those same cartels. You go get him Debbie!
4 hours ago via mobile

Israel Issasi Although I'm sure Texas isn't immune, Florida is a perfect example of how serious this problem is

2600 registered voters who are legal citizens but ineligible to vote: 182,000 registered voters who may not be citizens
53,000 dead people on voter rolls.
4 hours ago

John Griffin File a countersuit on charges of criminal collaboration with drug cartels in denying their operatives U.S. citizens being issued ID cards. Because Holder is AG.
3 hours ago

John Griffin After all, you have standing being a Texas resident your citizens are immediately placed in danger by this activity.
3 hours ago

Debbie Riddle Good idea - will run it past my lawyer husband and lawyer daughter. I like the idea a lot!
2 hours ago

Dave Smith Just refer him to Justice John Paul Stevens's majority opinion in the Indiana Voter ID case the Supreme Court decided.
2 hours ago

George Schenk Give 'em hell, Debbie! Don't let them back up! You have 90% of the Texas voters behind you on this even if they won't admit it.
2 hours ago

Dorothy Allee GOOD LUCK FOR ALL YOU DO to help all of U.S. CITIZENS. THANK YOU!!!
7 hours ago

Dave Smith From Nation v. Board of Elections: "It remains true, however, that flagrant examples of such fraud in other parts of this country have been documented throughout this Nation's history by respected historians and journalists, that occasional examples have surfaced in recent years, not only is the risk of voter fraud real but that it could affect the outcome of a close election. There is no question about the legitimacy of the motivation of local State's interest in counting only the votes of eligible voters" John Paul Stevens
7 hours ago

John Griffin The idea that the "rights" of minorities are disproportionately affected by this statute is a farce and intentional implementation. The only persons disenfranchised are whose votes will no longer count because noncitizens are permitted to vote.
2 hours ago

Dorothy Allee I work at the voting polls and we screen all our voters. THANKS TO OUR judge HUGH MEYERS
2 hours ago

Gerald Keith Simpson Praying for you and that TRUTH and JUSTICE will reign. Our Constitution is supposed to insure BOTH.
3 hours ago

Carole Copeland Wilkinson You rock! I stand behind u 1000% Cannot wait for u to tell em like this in your chambers on how we vote now.
2 hours ago

Diana Smith Forbes I would love to see you turn the tables on them! Oh to be a fly on the wall! Will be playing for you! Or in the Justice Dept will need our prayers after you get through them! Remember they work for you and all the citizens no other way around.
2 hours ago

Sheryl Wesco Lusby God is on your side Debbie!
2 hours ago

Derek Townsend Would you like a body guard?
30 minutes ago

Margie Baker Barnes All of us Texans are proud of you, Debbie! We stand with you. Remember the Alamo.
20 minutes ago

Robin Newman-Ricketts God Bless her for standing up for Texas.