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H.B. No. 2335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees charged for issuance by a state or local governmental entity of identification that may be presented to be accepted to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63.0101, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 63.0101. DOCUMENTATION OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

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

(1) a driver's license or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety 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 form of identification containing the person's photograph that establishes the person's identity;

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

(6) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity;

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

4 (8) any other form of identification prescribed by the
5 secretary of state.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a state or local
7 governmental entity may not charge a fee for the issuance of a
8 document that a person may present as proof of identification in
9 order for the person to be accepted for voting.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.