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H.B. No. 1596

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to documentation acceptable as proof of identification for voting.

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. 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,~~

~~[(7) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,~~

1 ~~government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows~~  
2 ~~the name and address of the voter,]~~ or

3           (6) ~~[(8)]~~ any other form of identification prescribed  
4 by the secretary of state.

5           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.