

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 1733
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 23, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 April 24, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 2; April 24, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to recognition of certain identification documents by
 1-20 governmental officials.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 6, Government Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Chapter 620 to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 620. RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

1-25 Sec. 620.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-26 (1) "Governmental entity" means:

1-27 (A) the state;

1-28 (B) a political subdivision of the state,
 1-29 including a municipality, a county, or any kind of district; or

1-30 (C) an institution, board, commission, office,
 1-31 department, court, or other agency:

1-32 (i) in the executive, judicial, or
 1-33 legislative branch of state government, including an institution of
 1-34 higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; or

1-35 (ii) of a political subdivision of the
 1-36 state.

1-37 (2) "Governmental official" means an employee, agent,
 1-38 or elected or appointed official of a governmental entity. The term
 1-39 does not include an election officer accepting a voter under
 1-40 Chapter 63, Election Code.

1-41 Sec. 620.002. RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION
 1-42 DOCUMENTS BY GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS. (a) A governmental official
 1-43 may not accept, rely on, or otherwise use an identification
 1-44 document for the purpose of determining a person's identity or
 1-45 residency unless the document is expressly authorized for that
 1-46 purpose under Subsection (b).

1-47 (b) The secretary of state by rule shall specify the
 1-48 identification documents that may be accepted by a governmental
 1-49 official. Rules adopted under this subsection:

1-50 (1) may not authorize an identification document
 1-51 issued by a political subdivision of this state; and

1-52 (2) must require that foreign identification
 1-53 documents include appropriate security measures to ensure
 1-54 authenticity.

1-55 Sec. 620.003. CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT POLICIES
 1-56 PROHIBITED. (a) A governmental entity may not adopt or enforce a
 1-57 rule, ordinance, order, policy, or other measure that is
 1-58 inconsistent with Section 620.002.

1-59 (b) A rule, ordinance, order, policy, or other measure that
 1-60 is inconsistent with Section 620.002 is void.

1-61 Sec. 620.004. EFFECT ON ELECTION LAW. This chapter may not

2-1 be construed to have any effect on state election law, including the
2-2 acceptable forms of photo identification under Chapter 63, Election
2-3 Code.

2-4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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