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H.B. No. 1477

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance and acceptance of a high school student identification card and certain other forms of identification as identification for voting.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.902 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.902. STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS. A school district or open-enrollment charter school shall issue to each high school student enrolled in the district or school a student identification card that includes the student's:

(1) name;

(2) photograph; and

(3) date of birth.

SECTION 2. Section 63.0101(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following documentation is an acceptable form of photo identification under this chapter:

(1) a driver's license, election identification certificate, or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that expired no earlier than four years before the date of presentation;

(2) a United States military identification card that contains the person's photograph that has not expired or that

1 expired no earlier than four years before the date of presentation;

2 (3) a United States citizenship certificate issued to  
3 the person that contains the person's photograph;

4 (4) a United States passport book or card issued to the  
5 person that has not expired or that expired no earlier than four  
6 years before the date of presentation; ~~or~~

7 (5) a license to carry a handgun issued to the person  
8 by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that  
9 expired no earlier than four years before the date of presentation;

10 (6) a student identification card issued to the person  
11 by a public or private high school or institution of higher  
12 education that contains the person's photograph and date of birth;  
13 or

14 (7) any other identification card, form, or  
15 certificate containing the person's photograph and date of birth  
16 issued by this state, an agency or political subdivision of this  
17 state, or the United States.

18 SECTION 3. Section 25.902, Education Code, as added by this  
19 Act, applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.