By: Hall S.B. No. 444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permitted forms of identification for the purpose of accepting a voter.

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

SECTION 1. 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) one of the following forms of identification issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that expired no earlier than one year before the date of presentation:

(A) a driver's license, not including a driver's license issued to a person who is not a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States at the time of issuance;

(B) an election identification certificate;[~~,~~] or

(C) a personal identification card, not including a personal identification card issued to a person who is not a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States at the time of issuance [~~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 expired no earlier than one year [~~four years~~] before the date of presentation;

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

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

(5) a license to carry a handgun, not including a license to carry a handgun issued to a person who is not a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States at the time of issuance, issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that expired no earlier than one year [~~four years~~] before the date of presentation.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.