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**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

Providing for Voter Identification.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

The Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended to read:

Section 101. Definitions.--The following words, when used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

“Voter identification" shall mean:

(1) A valid driver’s license or an identification card issued by the Department of Transportation.

(2) In the case of an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed, a valid-without-photo driver's license or a valid-without-photo identification card issued by the Department of Transportation.

(3) A document from an agency of the Armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Pennsylvania National Guard, establishing that the elector is a current member of or a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard which does not designate a specific expiration date on which the document expires, but includes a designation that the expiration date is indefinite.

(4) An identification card issued by a county or municipality of this Commonwealth to a current employee of that county or municipality.

(5) An identification card issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning to a current student or staff member.

(6) A valid United States Passport.

Section 102. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare and disseminate information to the public regarding the proof of identification requirements established.

Section 103. The Department of Transportation shall issue an identification card at no cost to any registered elector who has made application for and has included a statement signed by the elector declaring under oath or affirmation that the elector does not possess proof of identification as defined in section 101 and requires proof of identification for voting purposes.

(A) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare the application and form of the statement and shall distribute to the counties and the Department of Transportation. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Transportation and the county boards of election shall disseminate information to the public regarding the availability of identification cards.

Section 104. At every election each elector who appears to vote and who desires to vote shall first present to an election officer voter identification. The election officer shall examine the voter identification presented by the elector and sign an affidavit stating that this has been done.

(A) Where the elector does not have a voter identification, the elector shall present for examination two of the following forms of identification that shows the name and address of the elector:

(i) a firearm permit;

(ii) a current utility bill;

(iii) a current bank statement;

(iv) a paycheck;

(v) a government check.

(2) The election officer shall examine the identification presented by the elector and sign an affidavit stating that this has been done.

(B) If the elector is unable to produce voter identification or the elector's identification is challenged by the judge of elections, the elector shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot to record the elector’s vote once the elector’s eligibility is confirmed.

Section 105. This act shall take effect immediately.