

SS#2 SCS HB 1631 -- VOTER IDENTIFICATION

(Vetoed by Governor)

This bill changes the laws regarding elections by requiring persons wishing to vote in a public election to present specified personal identification to establish their identity and eligibility to vote. Satisfactory forms of identification include a nonexpired Missouri driver's license, nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri nondriver's license, a document issued by the United States or the State of Missouri containing the name of the individual that shows a photograph of the individual, or any armed services identification containing a photograph that is not expired or does not have an expiration date.

Any persons without such photographic identification may vote a regular ballot upon executing a statement under penalty of perjury that they are qualified to vote and presenting specified forms of identification including school identifications, utility bills, bank statements, paychecks, and government documents. The Secretary of State may approve non-photographic means of identification by rule. Persons signing a statement shall be required to have their photograph retained by election authorities for future identification purposes. Provisional ballots will be used only for those who refuse to sign a statement of eligibility and will require returning to the polling place with photographic identification and signature matching in order to vote.

The state will provide one free nondriver's license for purposes of voting and will pay the cost of specified documents, including birth certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, adoption certificates, name change court documents, social security cards, and naturalization documents, that are necessary to receive a nondriver's license in order to vote. All election authority costs associated with the implementation of the photo identification requirements of these provisions must be reimbursed from the General Revenue Fund by an appropriation for that purpose. If there is no appropriation, then the identification requirements of the bill are void and must not be enforced.

These provisions will become effective only upon the passage and approval by the voters of a constitutional amendment regarding the authorization of photo identification requirements by general law.

The effective date of the bill will be June 1, 2017 if the constitutional amendment is passed prior to that date.