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1 AN ACT Relating to proper identification for voters; and amending
2 RCW 29A.44.205 and 46.20.117.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.44.205 and 2005 c 243 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Any person desiring to vote at any primary or election is required
7 to provide valid photo identification to the election officer before
8 signing the poll book. (~~The identification required in this section
9 can be satisfied by providing a valid photo identification, such as a
10 driver's license or state identification card, student identification
11 card, or tribal identification card, a voter's voter identification
12 issued by a county elections officer, or a copy of a current utility
13 bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check or other government
14 document.~~) Valid photo identification consists of any one of the
15 following:

- 16 (1) A valid driver's license;
17 (2) A valid state identification card;
18 (3) A valid United States passport;
19 (4) A valid tribal identification card;

1 (5) A valid United States military identification card.

2 Any individual who desires to vote in person but cannot provide
3 identification as required by this section shall be issued a
4 provisional ballot.

5 The secretary of state may adopt rules to carry out this section.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2005 c 314 s 305 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) **Issuance.** The department shall issue an identicard,
9 containing a picture, if the applicant:

10 ~~((a))~~ (i) Does not hold a valid Washington driver's license;

11 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW
12 46.20.035 and 29A.44.205; and

13 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Pays the required fee. The fee is twenty dollars
14 unless an applicant is a recipient of continuing public assistance
15 grants under Title 74 RCW, who is referred in writing by the secretary
16 of social and health services. For those persons the fee must be the
17 actual cost of production of the identicard.

18 (b) The department may not collect a fee for an identification card
19 from a person:

20 (i) Who swears under oath that he or she is indigent and cannot pay
21 the fee for an identification card, that he or she desires an
22 identification card in order to vote in a primary or election in
23 Washington, and that he or she does not have any other form of
24 identification that is acceptable under RCW 29A.44.205 in order to
25 vote; and

26 (ii) Who produces evidence that he or she is registered to vote in
27 Washington. This subsection does not apply to a person who has been
28 issued a driver's license in this state.

29 (2) **Design and term.** The identicard must:

30 (a) Be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with the
31 official driver's license; and

32 (b) Expire on the fifth anniversary of the applicant's birthdate
33 after issuance.

34 (3) **Renewal.** An application for identicard renewal may be
35 submitted by means of:

36 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

1 (b) Mail or electronic commerce, if permitted by rule of the
2 department and if the applicant did not renew his or her identicard by
3 mail or by electronic commerce when it last expired. However, the
4 department may accept an application for renewal of an identicard
5 submitted by means of mail or electronic commerce only if specific
6 authority and funding is provided for this purpose by June 30, 2004, in
7 the omnibus transportation appropriations act.

8 An identicard may not be renewed by mail or by electronic commerce
9 unless the renewal issued by the department includes a photograph of
10 the identicard holder.

11 (4) **Cancellation.** The department may cancel an identicard if the
12 holder of the identicard used the card or allowed others to use the
13 card in violation of RCW 46.20.0921.

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