

HB 3016 -- Redline

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Deletions ~~struck~~ · Insertions underlined

HB3016 ~~SSFAT JUD~~Stuart AM #1 ~~4-9~~Curia 4-10Curia 7802~~The 7892~~Senator Committee~~Stuart on Judiciary~~ moved to amend the bill by striking out ~~everything after the enacting title clause and inserting~~substituting in therefor liau ~~thereof~~new the title, following: to CHAPTER read 3 as follows: Eng.

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ARTICLE Sub. 1.

General for provisions~~House Bill 3016--A Bill to amend and definitions, reenact~~ Sec.3-1-34 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to identification required for voting;

Sec.3-1-34, modifying the types of valid identifying documents by requiring a photograph on the identification presented by the voter;

Voting providing procedures~~exception generally;~~to requirement that valid identifying document contain photograph;

identification;~~eliminating certain types of identification as a valid identifying document for purposes of voting;~~

assistance and to permitting voters;use of an expired identifying document under certain circumstances.

voting Adopted Rejected records;

penalties.

~~(a) A person desiring to vote in an election shall, upon entering the election room, clearly state his or her name and residence to one of the poll clerks who shall thereupon announce the same person's name and residence in a clear and distinct tone of voice.~~

~~For elections occurring on or after January 1, 2018, the The person desiring to vote shall present to one of the poll clerks a valid identifying document meeting the requirements of subdivisions (1) or (2) of this subsection Sec.3-1-34(a)(1) or Sec.3-1-34(a)(2) of this code, and the poll clerk shall inspect and confirm that the name on the valid identifying document conforms to the name in the individual's voter registration record and that, if the valid identifying document contains a photograph, the image displayed is truly an image of the person presenting the document.~~

~~If that person is found to be duly registered as a voter at that precinct, he or she shall sign his or her name in the designated location provided at the precinct.~~

~~If that person is physically or otherwise unable to sign his or her name, his or her mark shall be affixed by one of the poll clerks in the presence of the other and the name of the poll clerk affixing the voter's mark shall be indicated immediately under the affixation.~~

~~No A ballot may not be given to the person until he or she signs his or her name on the designated location or his or her signature is affixed thereon.(1) A document shall be deemed to be is a valid identifying document if it:(A) Has been issued either by the State of West Virginia, or one of its subsidiaries political subdivisions or instrumentalities, or by the United States Government; and(B) Contains the name of the person desiring to vote;~~

~~and (C) Contains a photograph of the person desiring to vote.~~

~~Provided, That a driver's license or identification card issued in accordance with Sec.17B-2-1(f)(4) of this code that does not contain a photograph of the person desiring to vote is a valid identifying document.(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection Sec.3-1-34(a)(1) of this code, the following documents, if they contain the voter's name, shall be considered valid identifying documents, and a person desiring to vote may produce any of the following:(A) A valid West Virginia driver's license or valid West Virginia identification card issued by the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, including a driver's license or identification card issued in accordance with Sec.17B-2-1(f)(4) of this code.~~

~~(B) A valid driver's license issued by a state other than the State of West Virginia;(C) A valid United States passport or passport card;(D) A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible voter issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States Government or of the State of West Virginia, or by any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of West Virginia;(E) A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible voter issued by an institution of higher education in West Virginia, or a valid high school identification card issued by a West Virginia high school;(F) A valid military identification card issued by the United States with a photograph of the person desiring to vote;~~

~~or(G) A valid concealed carry (pistol/revolver) permit issued by the sheriff of the county with a photograph of the person desiring to vote;~~

~~(H) A valid Medicare card or Social Security card;~~

~~(I) A valid birth certificate;(J) (G) A valid voter registration card that includes the voter's~~

~~photograph issued by a county clerk in the State of West Virginia or the Secretary of State. The county clerk or the Secretary of State may not charge or collect a fee for the application or issuance of a voter registration card that includes the voter's photograph.(K) A valid hunting or fishing license issued by the State of West Virginia;(L) A valid identification card issued to the voter by the West Virginia Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) program;(M) A valid identification card issued to the voter by the West Virginia Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program;(N) A valid identification card issued to the voter by West Virginia Medicaid;(O) A valid bank card or valid debit card;(P) A valid utility bill issued within six months of the date of the election;(Q) A valid bank statement issued within six months of the date of the election; or(R) A valid health insurance card issued to the voter.(3) Any expired document identified in Sec.3-1-34(a)(2) of this code is a valid identifying document if presented by a registered voter 65 years of age or older;~~

~~Provided, That the identifying document was not expired on the registered voter's 65th birthday.~~

~~(3) (4) In lieu of providing a valid identifying document, as required by this section, a registered voter may be accompanied at the polling place by an adult known to the registered voter for at least six months.~~

~~That adult may sign an affidavit on a form provided to clerks and poll workers by the Secretary of State, which states under oath or affirmation that the adult has known the registered voter for at least six months, and that in fact the registered voter is the same person who is present for the purpose of voting.~~

~~For the affidavit to be considered valid, the adult shall present a valid identifying document with his or her name, address, and photograph.~~

~~(4) (5) A poll worker may allow a voter, whom the poll worker has known for at least six months, to vote without presenting a valid identifying document.(5) (6) If the person desiring to vote is unable to furnish a valid identifying document, or if the poll clerk determines that the proof of identification presented by the voter does not qualify as a valid identifying document, the person desiring to vote shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot after executing an affidavit affirming his or her identity pursuant to paragraph (B) of this subdivision Sec.3-1-34(a)(6)(B) of this code.(A) The provisional ballot is entitled to may be counted once the election authority verifies the identity of the individual by comparing that individual's signature to the current signature on file with the election authority and determines that the individual was otherwise eligible to cast a ballot at the polling place where the ballot was cast.(B) The affidavit to be used for voting shall be substantially in the following form:"State of West VirginiaCounty of.....I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name is; that I reside at.....; and that I am the person listed in the precinct register under this name and at this address.I understand that knowingly providing false information is a violation of law and subjects me to possible criminal prosecution.....Signature of voterSubscribed and affirmed before me this..... day of, 20.....Name of Election Official.....Signature of Election Official".(6) (7) A voter who votes in person at a precinct polling place that is located in a building which is part of a state licensed care facility where the voter is a resident is not required to provide proof of identification as a condition before voting in an election.(7) (8) The person entering voter information into the centralized voter registration database shall cause the records to indicate when a voter has not presented a valid identifying document and has executed a voter identity affidavit.(8) (9) If a voter participating in the Address Confidentiality Program established by Sec.48-28A-103 of this code, executes a voter identity affidavit, the program participant's residential or mailing address is subject to the confidentiality provisions of Sec.48-28A-108 of this code and shall be used only for those statutory and administrative purposes authorized by this section.(9) (10) Prior to the primary and general elections to be held in calendar year 2018, The Secretary of State shall educate voters about the requirement to present a valid identifying document and develop a program to help ensure that all eligible voters are able to obtain a valid identifying document.(b) The clerk of the county commission is authorized may, upon verification that the precinct at which a handicapped person is registered to vote is not handicap accessible, to transfer that person's registration to the nearest polling place in the county which is handicap accessible.~~

~~A request by a handicapped person for a transfer of registration must be received by the county clerk no later than 30 days prior to the date of the election.~~

~~A handicapped person who has not made a request for a transfer of registration at least 30 days prior to the date of the election may vote a provisional ballot at a handicap accessible polling place in the county of his or her registration.~~

~~If during the canvass the county commission determines that the person had been registered in a precinct that is not handicap accessible, the voted ballot, if otherwise valid, shall be counted.~~

~~The handicapped person may vote in the precinct to which the registration was transferred only as long as the disability exists or the precinct from which the handicapped person was transferred remains inaccessible to the handicapped.~~

~~To ensure confidentiality of the transferred ballot, the county clerk processing the ballot shall provide the voter with an unmarked envelope and an outer envelope designated "provisional ballot/handicapped voter".~~

~~After validation of the ballot at the canvass, the outer envelope shall be destroyed and the handicapped voter's ballot shall be placed with other approved provisional ballots prior to removal of the ballot from the unmarked envelope.(c) When the voter's signature is properly marked and the voter has presented a valid identifying document, the two poll clerks shall sign their names in the places indicated on the back of the official ballot and deliver the ballot to the voter to be voted by him or her without leaving the election room.~~

~~If he or she returns the ballot spoiled to the clerks, they shall immediately mark the ballot "spoiled" and it shall be preserved and placed in a spoiled ballot envelope together with other spoiled ballots to be delivered to the board of canvassers and deliver to the voter another official ballot, signed by the clerks on the reverse side.~~

~~The voter shall thereupon then retire alone to the booth or compartment prepared within the election room for voting purposes and there prepare his or her ballot.~~

~~In voting for candidates in general and special elections, the voter shall comply with the rules and procedures prescribed in Sec.3-6-5 of this code.(d) It is the duty of a A poll clerk shall, in the presence of the other poll clerk, to indicate by a check mark, or by other means, inserted in the appropriate place on the registration record of each voter the fact that the voter voted in the election.~~

~~In primary elections the clerk shall also insert on the registration record of each voter a distinguishing initial or initials of the political party for whose candidates the voter voted.~~

~~If a person is challenged at the polls, the challenge shall be indicated by the poll clerks on the registration record, together with the name of the challenger.~~

~~The subsequent removal of the challenge shall be recorded on the registration record by the clerk of the county commission.(e) (1) No A voter may not receive any assistance in voting unless, by reason of blindness, disability, advanced age, or inability to read and write, that voter is unable to vote without assistance.~~

~~Any voter so qualified to receive assistance in voting may:(A) Declare his or her choice of candidates to an Election Commissioner of each political party who, in the presence of the voter and in the presence of each other, shall prepare the ballot for voting in the manner provided in this section and, on request, shall read to the voter the names of the candidates selected on the ballot;(B) Require the Election Commissioners to indicate to him or her the relative position of the names of the candidates on the ballot.~~

~~the The voter shall then retire to one of the booths or compartments to prepare his or her ballot in the manner provided in this section;(C) Be assisted by any person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's present or former employer or agent of that employer, the officer or agent of a labor union of which the voter is a past or present member or a candidate on the ballot or an official write-in candidate;~~

~~or(D) If he or she is handicapped, vote from an automobile outside the polling place or precinct by the absentee balloting method provided in Sec.3-3-5(e) of this code in the presence of an Election Commissioner of each political party if all of the following conditions are met:(i) The polling place is not handicap accessible;~~

~~and(ii) No voters are Voters are not voting or waiting to vote inside the polling place.(2) The voted ballot shall then be returned to the precinct officials and secured in a sealed envelope to be returned to the clerk of the county commission with all other election materials.~~

~~The ballot shall then be tabulated using the appropriate method provided in Sec.3-1-8 of this code as it relates to the specific voting system in use.(3) A voter who requests assistance in voting but who is believed not to be qualified for assistance under the provisions of this section shall nevertheless be permitted to vote a provisional ballot with the assistance of any person herein authorized in this section to render assistance.(4) One or more of the Election Commissioners or poll clerks in the precinct may challenge the ballot on the ground that the voter received assistance in voting it if when in his, her or their opinion the person who received assistance in voting is not so illiterate, blind, disabled or of such advanced age as to have been unable to vote without assistance.~~

~~The Election Commissioner or poll clerk or commissioners or poll clerks making the challenge shall enter the challenge and the reason for such challenge on the form and in the manner prescribed or authorized by Sec.3-3-1 et seq.~~

~~of this code.(5) An Election Commissioner or other person who assists a voter in voting:(A) May not in any manner request or seek to persuade or induce the voter to vote a particular ticket or for a particular candidate or for or against any public question and must shall not keep or make any~~

~~memorandum or entry of anything occurring within the voting booth or compartment and must shall not, directly or indirectly, reveal to any person the name of a candidate voted for by the voter, which ticket he or she had voted, or how he or she had voted on any public question, or anything occurring within the voting booth, compartment, or voting machine booth except when required by law to give testimony as to the matter in a judicial proceeding;~~

~~and(B) Shall sign a written oath or affirmation before assisting the voter on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that he or she will not override the actual preference of the voter being assisted, attempt to influence the voter's choice, or mislead the voter into voting for someone other than the candidate of voter's choice.~~

~~The person assisting the voter shall also swear or affirm that he or she believes that the voter is voting free of intimidation or manipulation.~~

~~No There is no requirement that a person providing assistance to a voter is required to sign an oath or affirmation where the reason for requesting assistance is the voter's inability to vote without assistance because of blindness as defined in Sec.5-15-3 of this code and the inability to vote without assistance because of blindness is certified in writing by a physician of the voter's choice and is on file in the office of the clerk of the county commission.(6) In accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary of State, the clerk of the county commission shall provide a form entitled "list of assisted voters", on a form as prescribed by the Secretary of State.~~

~~The commissioners shall enter the name of each voter receiving assistance in voting the ballot, together with the poll slip number of that voter and the signature of the person or the commissioner from each party who assisted the voter.~~

~~If no voter has been assisted in voting, the commissioners shall make and subscribe to an oath of that fact on the list.(f) After preparing the ballot, the voter shall fold the ballot so that the face is not exposed and the names of the poll clerks on it are seen.~~

~~The voter shall announce his or her name and present his or her ballot to one of the commissioners who shall hand the same ballot to another commissioner, of a different political party, who shall deposit it in the ballot box if the ballot is the official one and properly signed.~~

~~The Commissioner of Election may inspect every ballot before it is deposited in the ballot box to ascertain whether it is single, but without unfolding or unrolling it so as to disclose its content.~~

~~When the voter has voted, he or she shall retire immediately from the election room and beyond the sixty-foot 60-foot limit and not return except by permission of the commissioners.(g) Following the election, the oaths or affirmations required by this section from those assisting voters, together with the "list of assisted voters", shall be returned by the Election Commissioners to the clerk of the county commission along with the election supplies, records, and returns.~~

~~The clerk of the county commission shall make the oaths, affirmations, and list available for public inspection and preserve them for a period of 22 months or until disposition is authorized or directed by the Secretary of State or court of record.~~

~~The clerk may use these records to update the voter registration records in accordance with Sec.3-2-18(d) of this code.(h) Any person making an oath or affirmation required under the provisions of this section who knowingly swears falsely or any person who counsels, advises, aids, or abets another in the commission of false swearing under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or confined in jail for a period of not more than one year, or both fined and confined.(i) Any Election Commissioner or poll clerk who authorizes or provides unchallenged assistance to a voter when the voter is known to the Election Commissioner or poll clerk not to require assistance in voting, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, or both fined and imprisoned. AdoptedRejected~~