

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4844

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2006

Mr. HYDE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Election Integ-
5 rity Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO ACCOM-**
2 **PANY APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRA-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) APPLICATION PROVIDED WITH MOTOR VEHICLE
5 LICENSE APPLICATION.—Section 5(c)(2) of the National
6 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–
7 3(c)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “may re-
9 quire” and inserting “in addition to the information
10 required under subparagraph (E), may require”;

11 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
12 graph (D);

13 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
14 paragraph (F); and

15 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
16 lowing new subparagraph:

17 “(E) shall require the applicant to provide a
18 photographic copy of any document which provides
19 proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United
20 States, in accordance with guidelines established by
21 the Election Administration Commission in consulta-
22 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and
23 the Secretary of State.”.

24 (b) MAIL-IN FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (42
25 U.S.C. 1973gg–7(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “may require”
2 and inserting “consistent with paragraph (5), may
3 require”;

4 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
5 (3);

6 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-
7 graph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(5) shall require the applicant to provide a
11 photographic copy of any document which provides
12 proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United
13 States, in accordance with guidelines established by
14 the Election Administration Commission in consulta-
15 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and
16 the Secretary of State.”.

17 (c) SPECIAL RULES FOR STATES WITHOUT REG-
18 ISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND STATES PERMITTING
19 SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8 of such Act (42
21 U.S.C. 1973gg–6) is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
23 section (k); and

24 (B) by inserting after subsection (i) the
25 following new subsection:

1 “(j) REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP IN
2 STATES WITHOUT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND
3 STATES PERMITTING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—

4 “(1) STATES WITHOUT REGISTRATION RE-
5 QUIREMENT.—In the case of a State described in
6 section 4(b)(1), the appropriate State or local elec-
7 tion official may not provide any individual with a
8 ballot for an election for Federal office (including an
9 absentee ballot) unless the individual provides the of-
10 ficial with a photographic copy of any document
11 which provides proof that the individual is a citizen
12 of the United States, in accordance with guidelines
13 established by the Election Administration Commis-
14 sion in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland
15 Security and the Secretary of State.

16 “(2) STATES PERMITTING SAME-DAY REGISTRA-
17 TION.—In the case of a State described in section
18 4(b)(2), the appropriate State or local election offi-
19 cial may not permit any individual to register to vote
20 in an election for Federal office (including an indi-
21 vidual who desires to register to vote at the polling
22 place at the time of voting in the election) unless the
23 individual provides the official with a photographic
24 copy of any document which provides proof that the
25 individual is a citizen of the United States, in ac-

1 cordance with guidelines established by the Election
2 Administration Commission in consultation with the
3 Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary
4 of State.”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(b)
6 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–2(b)) is amended by
7 striking “This Act” and inserting “Except as pro-
8 vided in section 8(j), this Act”.

9 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING VOTERS TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTI-**
10 **FICATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(b) of the Help Amer-
12 ica Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15483(b) is amended—

13 (1) in the heading, by striking “FOR VOTERS
14 WHO REGISTER BY MAIL” and inserting “FOR PRO-
15 VIDING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION”; and

16 (2) by striking paragraphs (1) through (3) and
17 inserting the following:

18 “(1) INDIVIDUALS VOTING IN PERSON.—Not-
19 withstanding any other provision of law, the appro-
20 priate State or local election official may not provide
21 a ballot for an election for Federal office (including
22 a provisional ballot under section 302(a)) to an indi-
23 vidual who desires to vote in person unless the indi-
24 vidual presents to the official a current and valid
25 photo identification.

1 in November 2006 and each succeeding election for Fed-
2 eral office.”.

3 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
5 apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general elec-
6 tion for Federal office held in November 2006 and each
7 succeeding election for Federal office.

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