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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT,
AND SUPPLIES

Introduced By: Representatives Valencia, Ajello, Tanzi, Cimini, and Walsh

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-19-24.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-19 entitled "Conduct
2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-19-24.2. Voter identification.** -- (a) Beginning on January 1, 2012, any person
4 claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote at a primary election, special
5 election or general election shall provide proof of identity. For purposes of this section, proof of
6 identity shall include:

7 (1) ~~A~~ The following valid and current ~~document~~ documents showing a photograph of the
8 person to whom the document was issued, ~~including without limitation:~~

- 9 (i) Rhode Island driver's license;
- 10 (ii) Rhode Island voter identification card;
- 11 (iii) United States passport;
- 12 (iv) Identification card issued by a United States educational institution;
- 13 (v) United States military identification card;
- 14 (vi) Identification card issued by the United States or the State of Rhode Island;
- 15 (vii) Government issued medical card ~~;~~ ;

16 (2) ~~A~~ The following valid and current ~~document~~ documents without a photograph of the
17 person to whom the document was issued, ~~including without limitation:~~

- 18 (i) Birth certificate;

1 (ii) Social security card;

2 (iii) Government issued medical card.

3 ~~(b) From and after January 1, 2014, any person claiming to be a registered and eligible~~
4 ~~voter who desires to vote at a primary election, special election or general election shall provide~~
5 ~~proof of identity listed in subdivisions (a)(1).~~

6 ~~(c) No later than January 1, 2012, (b)~~ Rhode Island voter identification cards will be
7 issued upon request, and at no expense to the voters, at locations and in accordance with
8 procedures established by rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary of state. The
9 purpose of this section is to provide voter identification cards to those voters who do not possess
10 the identification listed in subdivision (a)(1).

11 ~~(d)~~(c) If the person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter is unable to provide
12 proof of identity as required in subdivisions (1) and (2) above, the person claiming to be a
13 registered voter shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot pursuant to section 17-19-24.2 upon
14 completing a provisional ballot voter's certificate and affirmation. The local board shall determine
15 the validity of the provisional ballot pursuant to section 17-19-24.3.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would remove the requirement that registered and eligible voters present a
- 2 photographic identification card before he or she can vote.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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