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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

Introduced By: Senators Goldin, Miller, Jabour, and Conley

Date Introduced: March 23, 2016

Referred To: Senate 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2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby repealed.

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 valid and current document showing a photograph of the person to whom the~~  
8 ~~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 valid and current document without a photograph of the person to whom the~~  
17 ~~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, Rhode Island voter identification cards will be issued~~  
7 ~~upon request, and at no expense to the voters, at locations and in accordance with procedures~~  
8 ~~established by rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary of state. The purpose of this~~  
9 ~~section is to provide voter identification cards to those voters who do not possess the~~  
10 ~~identification listed in subdivision (a)(1).~~  
11           ~~(d) If the person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter is unable to provide proof~~  
12 ~~of identity as required in subdivisions (1) and (2) above, the person claiming to be a registered~~  
13 ~~voter shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot pursuant to § 17-19-24.2 upon completing a~~  
14 ~~provisional ballot voter's certificate and affirmation. The local board shall determine the validity~~  
15 ~~of the provisional ballot pursuant to § 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 repeal the voter identification law.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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