



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6620

House of Representatives, April 10, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTORS AT POLLING PLACES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has
5 entered the polling place, [he] the elector shall (1) announce [his] the
6 elector's street address, if any, and [his] name to the checkers in a tone
7 sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the election officials present
8 to hear the same, and (2) (A) present to the checkers [his] the elector's
9 Social Security card or any other preprinted form of identification
10 which shows [his] the elector's name and either [his] the elector's
11 address, signature or photograph, or (B) on a form prescribed by the
12 Secretary of the State, write the elector's residential address and date of

13 birth, print the elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of
14 false statement [, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,]
15 that [he] the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official
16 checklist. [Each of] Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false
17 statement. A separate such form shall be used for each elector. If the
18 elector presents a preprinted form of identification under
19 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, the checkers
20 shall check the name of such elector on the official checklist. If the
21 elector completes the form under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2)
22 of this subsection, the assistant registrar of voters shall examine the
23 information on such form and either instruct the checkers to check the
24 name of such elector on the official checklist or notify the elector that
25 the form is incomplete or inaccurate.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires electors without identification to fill out a form at a polling place before voting. The bill, which also requires the Secretary of the State to prescribe the identification form, has no fiscal impact on the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6620

AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTORS AT POLLING PLACES**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires anyone who appears at a polling place without the required identification to complete a form and sign a statement before voting, rather than simply sign a statement attesting that he is the person whose name appears on the voter registry list. Under current law, a voter who does not present a Social Security card or preprinted identification with his name, address, and a signature or photograph must sign a statement prescribed by the secretary of the state. The bill requires the secretary to prescribe a form that requires the prospective voter to provide his residential address, date of birth, printed name, and signature. She must prescribe a form that is separate for each voter, rather than a list. It must include a clear statement of the penalty for false statement, which is a fine of up to \$2,000, up to one year in prison, or both.

The assistant registrar of voters must examine the person's form for completeness and accuracy before instructing the checkers to check the his name off the registry list and allowing him to vote.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 15 Nay 0