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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Ajello, Handy, Regunberg, and Almeida

Date Introduced: January 31, 2018

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2 of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**17-19-24.2. Voter identification.**~~

4 ~~(a) Beginning on January 1, 2012, any person claiming to be a registered and eligible~~
5 ~~voter who desires to vote at a primary election, special election or general election shall provide~~
6 ~~proof of identity. For purposes of this section, proof of 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, which required voters to prove their
- 2 identity with written documents before they would be allowed to vote.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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