

Senate Bill 8

By: Senators Burton of the 5th, Lamutt of the 21st, Williams of the 6th, Price of the 56th,
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to identification of voters at the polls, so as to require photographic identification of voters at the polling places prior to voting and to eliminate the ability to submit an affidavit in lieu of presenting a valid form of identification; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to identification of voters at the polls, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"21-2-417.

(a) Each elector shall present proper identification to a poll worker at or prior to completion of a voter's certificate at any polling place and prior to such person's admission to the enclosed space at such polling place. Proper identification shall consist of any one of the following:

(1) A valid Georgia driver's license;

(2) A valid identification card containing a photograph of the elector and issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the State of Georgia, any other state, or the United States authorized by law to issue personal identification;

(3) A valid United States passport;

(4) A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state;

(5) A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and issued by any employer of the elector in the ordinary course of such employer's business;

(6) A valid student identification card containing a photograph of the elector from any public or private college, university, or postgraduate technical or professional school located within the State of Georgia; or

~~(7) A valid Georgia hunting or fishing license;~~

~~(8) A valid Georgia license to carry a pistol or revolver;~~

~~(9) A valid pilot's license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration or other authorized agency of the United States;~~

~~(10)~~ (7) A valid United States military identification card containing a photograph of the elector;

~~(11) A certified copy of the elector's birth certificate;~~

~~(12) A valid social security card;~~

~~(13) Certified naturalization documentation; or~~

~~(14) A certified copy of court records showing adoption, name, or sex change.~~

~~(b) If an elector is unable to produce any of the items of identification listed in subsection (a) of this Code section, he or she shall sign a statement under oath in a form approved by the Secretary of State, separate and distinct from the elector's voter certificate, swearing or affirming that he or she is the person identified on the elector's voter certificate. Such person shall be allowed to vote without undue delay. Falsely swearing or affirming such statement under oath shall be punishable as a felony, and the penalty shall be distinctly set forth on the face of the statement."~~

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on the first day of January following the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.