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# H. R. 4844

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2006

Mr. HYDE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Federal Election Integ-  
5       rity Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO ACCOM-**  
2 **PANY APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRA-**  
3 **TION.**

4 (a) APPLICATION PROVIDED WITH MOTOR VEHICLE  
5 LICENSE APPLICATION.—Section 5(c)(2) of the National  
6 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–  
7 3(c)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “may re-  
9 quire” and inserting “in addition to the information  
10 required under subparagraph (E), may require”;

11 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
12 graph (D);

13 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-  
14 paragraph (F); and

15 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
16 lowing new subparagraph:

17 “(E) shall require the applicant to provide a  
18 photographic copy of any document which provides  
19 proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United  
20 States, in accordance with guidelines established by  
21 the Election Administration Commission in consulta-  
22 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and  
23 the Secretary of State.”.

24 (b) MAIL-IN FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 1973gg–7(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “may require”  
2 and inserting “consistent with paragraph (5), may  
3 require”;

4 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
5 (3);

6 (3) by striking the period at the end of para-  
7 graph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(5) shall require the applicant to provide a  
11 photographic copy of any document which provides  
12 proof that the applicant is a citizen of the United  
13 States, in accordance with guidelines established by  
14 the Election Administration Commission in consulta-  
15 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security and  
16 the Secretary of State.”.

17 (c) SPECIAL RULES FOR STATES WITHOUT REG-  
18 ISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND STATES PERMITTING  
19 SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8 of such Act (42  
21 U.S.C. 1973gg–6) is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
23 section (k); and

24 (B) by inserting after subsection (i) the  
25 following new subsection:

1       “(j) REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP IN  
2 STATES WITHOUT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND  
3 STATES PERMITTING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—

4           “(1) STATES WITHOUT REGISTRATION RE-  
5 QUIREMENT.—In the case of a State described in  
6 section 4(b)(1), the appropriate State or local elec-  
7 tion official may not provide any individual with a  
8 ballot for an election for Federal office (including an  
9 absentee ballot) unless the individual provides the of-  
10 ficial with a photographic copy of any document  
11 which provides proof that the individual is a citizen  
12 of the United States, in accordance with guidelines  
13 established by the Election Administration Commis-  
14 sion in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland  
15 Security and the Secretary of State.

16           “(2) STATES PERMITTING SAME-DAY REGISTRA-  
17 TION.—In the case of a State described in section  
18 4(b)(2), the appropriate State or local election offi-  
19 cial may not permit any individual to register to vote  
20 in an election for Federal office (including an indi-  
21 vidual who desires to register to vote at the polling  
22 place at the time of voting in the election) unless the  
23 individual provides the official with a photographic  
24 copy of any document which provides proof that the  
25 individual is a citizen of the United States, in ac-

1 cordance with guidelines established by the Election  
2 Administration Commission in consultation with the  
3 Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary  
4 of State.”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(b)  
6 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–2(b)) is amended by  
7 striking “This Act” and inserting “Except as pro-  
8 vided in section 8(j), this Act”.

9 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING VOTERS TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTI-**  
10 **FICATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(b) of the Help Amer-  
12 ica Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15483(b) is amended—

13 (1) in the heading, by striking “FOR VOTERS  
14 WHO REGISTER BY MAIL” and inserting “FOR PRO-  
15 VIDING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION”; and

16 (2) by striking paragraphs (1) through (3) and  
17 inserting the following:

18 “(1) INDIVIDUALS VOTING IN PERSON.—Not-  
19 withstanding any other provision of law, the appro-  
20 priate State or local election official may not provide  
21 a ballot for an election for Federal office (including  
22 a provisional ballot under section 302(a)) to an indi-  
23 vidual who desires to vote in person unless the indi-  
24 vidual presents to the official a current and valid  
25 photo identification.



1 in November 2006 and each succeeding election for Fed-  
2 eral office.”.

3 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4       This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
5 apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general elec-  
6 tion for Federal office held in November 2006 and each  
7 succeeding election for Federal office.

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