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SENATE BILL ***206-FN***

AN ACT relative to proof of identity by voters.

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Merr 10; Rep. Hoelzel, Rock 3; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills 27

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes requirements for challenging alternative forms of identification of voters.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT relative to proof of identity by voters.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 131:1 Obtaining a Ballot; Challenges. Amend RSA 659:13, II(b) to read as follows:

2 (b) In addition to the forms of photo identification authorized in subparagraph (a), the
3 following shall satisfy the identification requirements of paragraph I:

4 (1) A photo identification not authorized by subparagraph (a) but determined to be
5 legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the ***clerk of a town, ward, or city***
6 [~~clerk~~], provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to the
7 use of such photo identification, ***identifies the reason for the objection in writing, and states***
8 ***the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge of***
9 ***the photo identification is based***, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter
10 affidavit as if no identification was presented.

11 (2) Verification of the person's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist
12 or the ***clerk of a town, ward, or city*** [~~clerk~~], provided that if any person authorized to challenge a
13 voter under RSA 659:27 objects to such verification, ***identifies the reason for the objection in***
14 ***writing, and states the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon***
15 ***which the challenge of the verification of identity is based***, the voter shall be required to
16 execute a challenged voter affidavit ***as if no verification was made***.

17 131:2 New Subparagraph; 2015 Version; Obtaining a Ballot; Identification. Amend RSA 659:13,
18 II(a) by inserting after subparagraph (6) the following new subparagraph:

19 (7) A photo identification not authorized by subparagraphs (1) through (6) but
20 determined to be legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the ***clerk of a***
21 ***town, ward, or city*** [~~clerk~~], provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under
22 RSA 659:27 objects to the use of such photo identification, identifies the reason for the objection in
23 writing, and states the specific source of the information or personal knowledge upon which the
24 challenge of the photo identification is based, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged
25 voter affidavit as if no identification was presented.

26 131:3 Obtaining a Ballot; Challenges; 2015 Version. Amend RSA 659:13, II(b) to read as follows:

27 (b) In addition to the forms of photo identification authorized in subparagraph (a), the
28 identification requirements of paragraph I may be satisfied by verification of the person's identity by

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1 a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the *clerk of a town, ward, or city* [~~clerk~~], provided that
2 if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to such verification,
3 *identifies the reason for the objection in writing, and states the specific source of the*
4 *information or personal knowledge upon which the challenge of the photo identification is*
5 *based*, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter affidavit *as if no verification was*
6 *made*.

7 131:4 Effective Date.

8 I. Sections 2-3 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2015, at 12:03 a.m.

9 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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11 Approved: June 16, 2014

12 Effective Date: I. Sections 2-3 shall take effect September 1, 2015 at 12:03 a.m.

13 II. Remainder shall take effect August 15, 2014.