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A BILL

To amend section 3505.18 of the Revised Code to
generally require all electors who appear in a
polling place to vote to provide identification
before being permitted to cast a ballot.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3505.18 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3505.18. ~~When (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in~~
~~division (A)(2) of this section, when~~ an elector appears in a
polling place to vote ~~he, the elector~~ shall announce ~~his~~ to the
precinct election officials the elector's full name and address to
~~the precinct election officials and provide to them proof of the~~
elector's identity in the form of a current valid driver's license
or other current valid photo identification. He

(2) If the election for which the elector appears in a
polling place to vote is a federal election, if the elector
registered to vote by mail, and if the elector has not previously
voted in an election for federal office in this state, the elector
shall announce to the precinct election officials the elector's
full name and address and provide to them proof of the elector's
identity in the form of a current valid photo identification or a

copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, 21
paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and 22
address of the elector. If such an elector does not provide to the 23
precinct election officials any of the forms of identification 24
specified in this division, the elector may cast a provisional 25
ballot in that federal election under 42 U.S.C. 15482. 26

(B) After the elector has announced the elector's full name 27
and address and provided identification under division (A) of this 28
section, the elector shall then write his the elector's name and 29
address at the proper place in the poll lists or signature 30
pollbooks provided ~~therefor~~ for the purpose, except that if, for 31
any reason, an elector ~~shall be~~ is unable to write ~~his the~~ 32
elector's name and address in the poll list or signature pollbook, 33
the elector may make ~~his the elector's~~ mark at the place intended 34
for ~~his the elector's~~ name, and a precinct election official shall 35
write the name of the elector at the proper place on the poll list 36
or signature pollbook following the elector's mark, ~~upon the~~ 37
~~presentation of proper identification~~. The making of such a mark 38
shall be attested by the precinct election official, who shall 39
evidence the same by signing ~~his the precinct election official's~~ 40
name on the poll list or signature pollbook as a witness to ~~such~~ 41
the mark. 42

The elector's signature in the poll lists or signature 43
pollbooks ~~shall~~ then shall be compared with ~~his the elector's~~ 44
signature on ~~his the elector's~~ registration form or a digitized 45
signature list as provided for in section 3503.13 of the Revised 46
Code, and if, in the opinion of a majority of the precinct 47
election officials, the signatures are the signatures of the same 48
person, the clerks shall enter the date of the election on the 49
registration form or shall record the date by ~~such~~ other means ~~as~~ 50
~~may be~~ prescribed by the secretary of state. If the right of the 51
elector to vote is not then challenged, or, if being challenged, 52

~~he~~ the elector establishes ~~his~~ the elector's right to vote, ~~he~~ the
elector shall be allowed to proceed ~~into~~ to use the voting
machine. If voting machines are not being used in that precinct,
the judge in charge of ballots shall then detach the next ballots
to be issued to the elector from Stub B attached to each ballot,
leaving Stub A attached to each ballot, hand the ballots to the
elector, and call ~~his~~ the elector's name and the stub number on
each of the ballots. The clerk shall enter the stub numbers
opposite the signature of the elector in the pollbook. The elector
shall then retire to one of the voting compartments to mark ~~his~~
the elector's ballots. No mark shall be made on any ballot which
would in any way enable any person to identify the person who
voted the ballot.

Section 2. That existing section 3505.18 of the Revised Code
is hereby repealed.