

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides that a U.S. military identification card may be used at the polls for voting purposes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and (C) and 1309(D)(1), relative to voting; to  
3 provide relative to procedures for identifying voters at the polls; to provide for the  
4 forms of identification required for voting; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and (C) and 1309(D)(1) are hereby amended and  
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §562. Prerequisites to voting

9 A. Identification of voters.

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11 (2)(a) Each applicant shall identify himself, in the presence and view of the  
12 bystanders, and present to the commissioners a one of the following:

13 (i) A Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special identification card issued  
14 pursuant to R.S. 40:1321, or other generally recognized picture identification card  
15 that contains the name and signature of the applicant.

16 (ii) A United States military identification card that contains the applicant's  
17 name and picture.

18 (b) If the applicant does not have a ~~Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana~~  
19 ~~special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card~~  
20 ~~that contains the name and signature of the applicant~~ one of the forms of





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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that a U.S. military identification card that contains the person's picture may be used at the polls to vote.

Present law (R.S. 18:562 and 1309) requires election officials to establish the identity of a person who seeks to vote at a polling place during early voting or on election day. Requires the person to present a La. driver's license, a La. special identification card issued pursuant to present law (R.S. 40:1321), or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and signature of the person.

Proposed law retains present law. Adds to the acceptable forms of identification a U.S. military identification card that contains the person's name and picture.

Present law provides that if the person does not have such identification, the person shall complete and sign an affidavit, which is supplied by the secretary of state, to that effect before the commissioners. Provides that a person who votes without the required identification is subject to challenge pursuant to present law (R.S. 18:565 and 1315).

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and (C) and 1309(D)(1))