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SYNOPSIS

Requires registered voters to present photo ID when voting at polling place.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring registered voters to present photo identification
2 when voting, amending R.S.19:15-24 and supplementing chapter
3 15 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. R.S.19:15-24 is amended to read as follows:

9 19:15-24. The district boards shall not give a ballot to any person
10 unless they shall be satisfied that such person is in all respects
11 qualified and entitled to vote; and for the purpose of satisfying
12 themselves as to the right of any person who shall claim a right to
13 vote they shall have power to examine such person, and any other
14 person or persons, under oath or affirmation, touching such right,
15 except as hereinbefore restricted. The board shall determine the right
16 of the voter to vote, after making use of, and giving due weight to,
17 the evidence afforded by his signature, if any, photo identification,
18 such answers, and an affidavit which states the challenged voter's
19 qualifications to vote and a suitable identifying document, as
20 provided under section 2 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.1). If any
21 member of the board shall give or assent to give a ballot to any person
22 challenged, without requiring him to take the oath or affirmation
23 hereinbefore prescribed to be made upon such challenge, and the
24 person shall not be qualified and entitled to vote, the member so
25 giving or assenting to give a ballot, shall be deemed to have given to
26 such person a ballot, knowing it to be illegal. The question as to the
27 giving of the ballot to the person shall be put in the following form:
28 "Shall a ballot be given to this person by this board?"

29 If a majority of the board shall decide to give a ballot to such voter
30 or in case of a tie vote, the voter shall be given a ballot and allowed
31 to vote. If a majority of the board shall decide against giving a ballot
32 to the voter no ballot shall be given. The board upon demand of a
33 member of the board or any other citizen shall forthwith issue a
34 warrant for the arrest of such person and deliver the same to a peace
35 officer, who shall forthwith arrest him, and the right to challenge
36 voters shall exist until the ballot shall have been deposited in the
37 ballot box.

38 Every such challenge and the determination of the board shall in
39 every instance be recorded in the signature comparison record, in the
40 column "Sig. Comp. by," used at the election at which the challenge
41 has been made.

42 Any member of a district board who refuses or neglects to comply
43 with the provisions of this section may be summarily removed from
44 office by the county board, or any judge of the Superior Court
45 assigned to the county.

46 (cf: P.L.1991, c.249, s.5)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

