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**ESSB 5743** - H AMD TO H AMH (5743-S.E AMH HUNS REIL 137)  
By Representative \_\_\_\_\_

1           On page 3 of the striking amendment, after line 8, insert the  
2 following:

3           "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   A new section is added to chapter  
4 29A.08 RCW to read as follows:

5           (1) Form of registration.   In addition to the requirements of  
6 RCW 29A.08.010, the form of registration provided by the secretary  
7 of state or county auditor must include a statement that the  
8 applicant must submit evidence of United States citizenship.   If  
9 the applicant registers in-person, citizenship documentation must  
10 be shown to a sworn election official.   If the registration is by  
11 mail or through a registration drive, copies of citizenship  
12 documentation must be included with the application.   The county  
13 auditor or secretary of state shall reject the application if no  
14 evidence of citizenship is attached.

15           (2) The county auditor or secretary of state shall reject any  
16 application for registration that is not accompanied by  
17 satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship.   Satisfactory  
18 evidence of citizenship includes any of the following:

19           (a) The number of the applicant's Washington state driver's  
20 license or Washington state identification card issued by the  
21 department of licensing, but only if the department indicates on  
22 the applicant's driver's license or identification card that the  
23 applicant has provided satisfactory proof of United States  
24 citizenship;

25           (b) A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate  
26 that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county auditor  
27 or secretary of state;

28           (c) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's  
29 United States passport identifying the applicant and the

1 applicant's passport number or presentation to the county auditor  
2 or the secretary of state of the applicant's United States  
3 passport;

4 (d) A presentation to the county auditor or secretary of state  
5 of the applicant's United States naturalization documents or the  
6 number of the certificate of naturalization. If only the number of  
7 the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant must  
8 not be included in the registration rolls until the number of the  
9 certificate of naturalization is verified with the United States  
10 Citizenship and Immigration Services by the county auditor or  
11 secretary of state;

12 (e) Other documents or methods of proof that are established  
13 under the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; or

14 (f) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card number,  
15 tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.

16 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, any person  
17 who is registered in this state on the effective date of this  
18 section is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of  
19 citizenship and may not be required to resubmit evidence of  
20 citizenship unless the person is changing voter registration from  
21 one county to another or reregistering to vote.

22 (4) Proof of voter registration from another state or county is  
23 not satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

24 (5) After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of  
25 citizenship, the county auditor or secretary of state shall  
26 indicate this information in the person's permanent voter file.  
27 After two years, the county auditor or secretary of state may  
28 destroy all documents that were submitted as evidence of  
29 citizenship."

30 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
31 references accordingly.

**EFFECT:** Requires that voter registration applicants provide  
proof of U.S. citizenship.

