SHB 1529 - H AMD 1010 By Representative Anderson

1 On page 5, after line 13, insert the following:

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- "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29A.04 RCW to read as follows:
- 5 "Valid photo identification" means any one of the following:
- 6 (1) A valid driver's license;
 - (2) A valid state identification card;
 - (3) A valid United States passport;
 - (4) A valid tribal identification card; or
- 10 (5) A valid United States military identification card.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 29A.04 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) County auditors must provide information on the valid photo identification and proof of citizenship requirements of chapter 29A.08 RCW and RCW 29A.44.205 to residents in their counties. To assist county auditors, the state will provide matching funds to a county auditor who has created a voter outreach program that provides this information.
 - (2) The secretary of state must include in his or her biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section. The provision of matching funds for voter outreach must be from appropriations specifically provided by law for that purpose.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 25 29A.08 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) In addition to the requirements of RCW 29A.08.010, the form of registration provided by the secretary of state or county auditor must include a statement that the applicant must submit a legible copy of a document proving United States citizenship and

a copy of a valid photo identification card with the application and that the county auditor or secretary of state must reject the application if the applicant fails to provide either.

(2) After a person has submitted satisfactory proof of citizenship and valid photo identification, the county auditor or secretary of state shall indicate this information in the person's permanent voter file. After two years, the county auditor or secretary of state may destroy all documents that were submitted as proof of citizenship.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 29A.08 RCW to read as follows:

Proof of citizenship may be demonstrated by any of the following documents:

- (1) A birth certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county auditor or secretary of state;
- (2) A United States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number;
- (3) A United States naturalization document or the number of the certificate of naturalization. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant may not be included in the registration rolls until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the United States bureau of citizenship and immigration services by the county auditor or secretary of state;
- (4) The applicant's bureau of Indian affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number; or
- (5) Other documents or methods of proof that are established under the federal immigration reform and control act of 1986.
 - Sec. 6. RCW 29A.08.110 and 2005 c 246 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) An application is considered complete only if it contains the applicant's name, complete valid residence address, <u>mailing</u> address if different than residential address, date of birth, signature attesting to the truth of the information provided, a mark in the check-off box confirming United States citizenship, ((and)) an indication that the provided driver's license number,

- 1 state identification card number, or Social Security number has
- 2 been confirmed by the secretary of state, and is accompanied by a
- 3 <u>document proving citizenship and a copy of a valid photo</u>
- 4 identification. The county auditor must also review the
- 5 <u>residential address provided on the registration form and verify,</u>
- 6 by checking county property records or other similar records,
- 7 that the address provided contains an actual residential unit or
- 8 is a nontraditional address under RCW 29A.08.112. If the auditor
- 9 <u>is unable to verify that the address on the registration form</u>
- 10 contains an actual residence, or is not a nontraditional address,
- 11 the application shall not be considered complete. If it is not
- complete, the auditor shall promptly mail a verification notice
- of the deficiency to the applicant. This verification notice
- shall require the applicant to provide the missing information.
- 15 If the verification notice is not returned by the applicant
- 16 within forty-five days or is returned as undeliverable, the name
 - of the applicant shall not be placed on the official list of
- 18 registered voters. If the applicant provides the required
- verified information, the applicant shall be registered to vote
- 20 as of the original date of mailing or date of delivery, whichever
- is applicable.

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- 22 (2) If the information required in subsection (1) of this 23 section is complete, the applicant is considered to be registered
- to vote as of the original date of mailing or date of delivery,
- whichever is applicable. The auditor shall record the
- 26 appropriate precinct identification, taxing district
- identification, and date of registration on the voter's record in
- 28 the state voter registration list. Within forty-five days after
- 29 the receipt of an application but no later than seven days before
- 30 the next primary, special election, or general election, the
- 31 auditor shall send to the applicant, by first-class mail, an
- 32 acknowledgement notice identifying the registrant's precinct and
- 33 containing such other information as may be required by the
- 34 secretary of state. The postal service shall be instructed not
- to forward a voter registration card to any other address and to
- 36 return to the auditor any card which is not deliverable.
- 37 (3) If an acknowledgement notice card is properly mailed as
- 39 being the voter's mailing address and the notice is subsequently

required by this section to the address listed by the voter as

- 1 returned to the auditor by the postal service as being
- 2 undeliverable to the voter at that address, the auditor shall
- 3 promptly send the voter a confirmation notice. The auditor shall
- 4 place the voter's registration on inactive status pending a
- 5 response from the voter to the confirmation notice."
- Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.
- 8 On page 21, after line 4, insert the following:
- 9 "Sec. 21. RCW 46.20.117 and 2005 c 314 s 305 are each 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 (1) **Issuance**. (a) The department shall issue an identicard, containing a picture, if the applicant:
- 13 $((\frac{a}{a}))$ <u>(i)</u> Does not hold a valid Washington driver's license;
- 15 $((\frac{b}{b}))$ (ii) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW 46.20.035; and
 - ((c))) (iii) Pays the required fee. The fee is twenty dollars unless an applicant is a recipient of continuing public assistance grants under Title 74 RCW, who is referred in writing by the secretary of social and health services. For those persons the fee must be the actual cost of production of the identicard.
 - (b) The department may not collect a fee for an identification card from a person who swears under oath that he or she is indigent and cannot pay the fee for an identification card, that he or she desires an identification card in order to vote in a primary or election in Washington, and that he or she does not have any other form of valid photo identification as defined in section 3 of this act in order to vote.
 - (2) **Design and term**. The identicard must:
 - (a) Be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with the official driver's license; and
- 33 (b) Expire on the fifth anniversary of the applicant's 34 birthdate after issuance.

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- (3) Renewal. An application for identicard renewal may be submitted by means of:
 - (a) Personal appearance before the department; or
- (b) Mail or electronic commerce, if permitted by rule of the department and if the applicant did not renew his or her identicard by mail or by electronic commerce when it last expired. However, the department may accept an application for renewal of an identicard submitted by means of mail or electronic commerce only if specific authority and funding is provided for this purpose by June 30, 2004, in the omnibus transportation appropriations act.

An identicard may not be renewed by mail or by electronic commerce unless the renewal issued by the department includes a photograph of the identicard holder.

- (4) Cancellation. The department may cancel an identicard if the holder of the identicard used the card or allowed others to use the card in violation of RCW 46.20.0921."
- Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal 18 19 references accordingly.
- Correct the title. 20

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EFFECT: Requires that a person provide a copy of a document proving citizenship and a valid photo identification before being registered to vote. Once proof of citizenship is provided, an indication is made on a person's permanent voter file. After two years, copies of the citizenship documents may be destroyed. Documents demonstrating citizenship include a birth certificate; a U.S. passport; a U.S. naturalization document or the number of the certificate of naturalization; a Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treat card number, or tribal enrollment number; or documents established under the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Before any person may vote, valid photo identification must be shown before signing the poll book. A valid photo identification is a valid driver's license; a valid state identification card; a valid U.S. passport; a valid tribal identification card, or a valid U.S. military identification card. Any person who cannot provide identification at the time of voting must be issued a provisional ballot.

The county auditor is required to review the residential address provided on an voter registration application form and verify the address as residential by checking the county property or similar records. If the auditor is unable to verify the address, the application may not be considered complete.

The Department of Licensing may not collect a fee for an identification card from a person who swears under oath that he or she is indigent and cannot pay the fee for an identification card, and that the identification card is needed in order to vote in a primary or election in Washington state, and that he or she does not have any other form of valid photo identification.

County auditors are required to conduct a voter outreach program regarding the requirements of valid photo identification and proof of citizenship requirements of the act. The state will provide matching funds for this purpose. The Secretary of State is required to include sufficient funds for the matching program in his or her biennial budget request. Matching funds for voter outreach must be from appropriations specifically provided by law for that purpose.