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Senate Bill 200

Relating to: an optional identification requirement for voting in elections.

By Senators Kanavas, Leibham, Olsen, Darling and A. Lasee; cosponsored by Representatives Kramer, Kerkman, LeMahieu, Gunderson and Tauchen.

June 04, 2007 Referred to Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs.

March 13, 2008 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Adam Plotkin
Committee Clerk



Plotkin, Adam

From: Sen.Kanavas
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2007 12:49 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Democrats; *Legislative Assembly Republicans; *Legislative Senate Republicans; *Legislative Senate Democrats
Subject: Co-sponsorship LRB-1280/1: The Protect My Vote Act; relating to an optional identification requirement for voting.

Attachments: Protect My Vote Bill Draft 07-12801.pdf

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To: Legislative Colleagues

From: Senator Ted Kanavas

Re: **LRB 1280/1 The Protect My Vote Act:** a bill relating to: an optional identification requirement for voting.

Deadline: **Friday, May 18, 2007**

I am introducing legislation that will allow individual electors to choose to have their vote protected by requiring poll workers to ask for their photo identification in order to vote.

The bill allows electors to choose this protected status at the time of voter registration and allows currently registered voters to appear before their respective municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to change their vote status to "protected."

The names of electors who have chosen to protect their vote will be marked on the polling list so poll workers will be able to identify which electors are to be asked for photo identification.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

With certain limited exceptions, before being permitted to vote at any polling place, an elector currently must provide his or her name and address. If the elector is not registered, the elector must provide a specified form of proof of residence in order to register. If an elector is not able to present any required proof of residence, as an alternative, current law permits another qualified elector who resides in the same municipality to corroborate the elector's registration information. In addition, an elector other than a military elector or an overseas elector, as defined by federal law, who registers by mail and who has not voted in an election in this state must provide one of the forms of identification specified by federal law, or a copy thereof if voting by absentee ballot, in order to be permitted to vote. Corroboration may not be substituted for this identification requirement, but an elector who cannot provide the required identification may cast a provisional ballot. The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners must determine whether electors casting provisional ballots are qualified to vote by 4 p.m. on the day after an election.

With certain limited exceptions, this bill permits any elector, at the time of registration, to elect to be required to provide identification in order to vote in an election. The bill also permits a registered elector to elect to be required to provide identification in order to vote by appearing in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides. The elector must sign a statement

making the election and present identification.

Under the bill, the permissible types of identification are: 1) a valid Wisconsin driver's license issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT); 2) a valid, current identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service; or 3) a valid Wisconsin identification card issued by DOT.

With certain limited exceptions, if an elector decides to be subject to an identification requirement, the bill requires the elector to enclose a copy of his or her identification when voting an absentee ballot by mail. Under the bill, if an elector who votes at a polling place has elected to be subject to the identification requirement and fails to provide identification, the elector may vote provisionally. If an elector who votes by absentee ballot has elected to be subject to the identification requirement and fails to enclose a copy of the identification with his or her ballot, the ballot is treated as a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot is marked by the poll workers, who immediately contact the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners. The elector may then provide the required identification either at the polling place before the closing hour or at the office of the clerk or board. If the elector does not provide the required identification to the clerk or board by 4 p.m. on the day following the election, the person's vote is not counted.

The bill provides that an elector who elects to be subject to an identification requirement may revoke the election by appearing at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where he or she resides and filing a written revocation request.

Under the bill, an election to be subject to an identification requirement or a revocation of an election must be filed at least 31 days before the election at which it initially applies.

If you would like to be a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact my office at 266-9174 by Friday, May 18, 2007.



Protect My Vote Bill
Draft 07-...



Plotkin, Adam

From: LWV of Wisconsin [lwvwisconsin@lwvwi.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2007 10:09 AM
To: LWVWI Network
Subject: League Opposes LRB 1280 Protect My Vote
Attachments: Oppose LRB 1280 Protect My Vote.pdf

A handwritten note in black ink, consisting of the letters 'SB' followed by the number '200', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

To: All Senators and Representatives
Re: LRB 1280 The Protect My Vote Act

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin strongly opposes both the letter and spirit of LRB 1280. Elections in our state and in our nation need serious consideration of measures to reform, in order to improve administration and to ensure voting rights. This proposal would not improve the integrity of our electoral system and it would lead to administrative confusion.

LRB 1280 does nothing to improve the overall security of Wisconsin elections. Further, there is no evidence that there is any widespread or organized voter fraud in Wisconsin or in the United States.

LRB 1280 would add to the numerous regulations to which municipal clerks already adhere. These offices are currently overworked, understaffed and undertrained. Increasing the complexity of their duties without any benefit makes no sense.

LRB 1280 will create confusion at the polls. Citizens who have not signed the form may think they need identification and stay home from the polls. Those who signed the form and forgot their ID may give up their vote. Poll workers may not have clear instructions on whom to ask for identification.

Ultimately, any reforms to our election administration system must be fair and uniform. Creating different requirements for different voters will weaken our democracy.

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
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05/10/2007



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10 May 2007

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Voter I.D., but only if you want to

Friday, January 11, 2008, 12:01 AM

By **Bob Hague**

Photo I.D. could be an option, on election day. Voters would have the option of asking their local clerk to ask them to show their identification at the polling place. The idea from Waukesha Republican, Rep. Bill Kramer, who said his local municipal and county clerks are okay with his proposal. "That may be different in other parts of the state, but this is a minimal requirement on a minimal amount of people," said Kramer.

At a committee hearing Thursday, Kramer was asked whether photo I.D. is really needed, since reports of voter fraud in Wisconsin have not turned up anything substantial. "I've never been hit by a car, either," said Kramer, "but I look both ways before I cross the street." But Andrea Kaminsky with the League of Women Voters said the absence of fraud is a compelling reason to oppose the bill. Kaminsky said all voters should be treated equally, and poll workers already have enough to do without being asked to check I.D.

AUDIO: Bob Hague reports (:60 MP3)



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