

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to persons permitted to register or vote

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:114(F)(3) and to enact R.S. 18:101(A)(4) and 102(A)(3),
3 relative to persons permitted to register or vote; to provide for applicants
4 qualification to register to vote; to provide for persons ineligible to register or vote
5 ; to provide for procedures for voter registration at driver's license facilities; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:114(F)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 18:101(A)(4) and 102(A)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §101. Registration to vote; qualifications; more than one residence; presidential
11 elections

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13 (4) Only a citizen of the United States is eligible to register to vote.

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15 §102. Ineligible persons

16 A. No person shall be permitted to register or vote who is:

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18 (3) Not a citizen of the United States.

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1 §114. Registration at driver's license facilities

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3 F. Procedures for voter registration pursuant to this Section shall be as
4 follows:

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6 (3)(a) Prior to generating the portion of the form which is an individual
7 registration form, the authorized employee shall require the applicant to submit ~~his~~
8 ~~current Louisiana driver's license, if he has one, or his birth certificate or birth~~
9 ~~certification card, or other documentation which reasonably and sufficiently~~
10 establishes provides satisfactory evidence of the applicant's identity, age, United
11 States citizenship, and residency.

12 (b) Satisfactory evidence of citizenship shall include any of the following:

13 (i) A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that verifies
14 citizenship to the satisfaction of the authorized employee.

15 (ii) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United States
16 passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number or presentation
17 to the authorized employee of the applicant's United States passport.

18 (iii) A presentation to the authorized employee of the applicant's United
19 States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization.
20 If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant shall
21 not be included in the registration rolls until the number of the certificate of
22 naturalization is verified with the United States Department of Homeland Security
23 by the authorized employee.

24 (iv) Other documents or methods of proof that are established pursuant to the
25 federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

26 (v) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card
27 number or tribal enrollment number.

28 (vii) For the purposes of this section, proof of voter registration from another
29 state is not evidence of citizenship.

1 (vii) For the purposes of this section, a driver’s license or REAL ID is not
 2 evidence of citizenship.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Redefines the requirements for persons permitted to register or vote.

Present law provides the requirements and qualifications for citizens of Louisiana.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a provision that only a citizen of the U.S. is eligible to register to vote.

Present law provides the requirements for person ineligible to register or vote.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a provision prohibiting a person not a citizen of the U.S. to register or vote.

Present law provides the procedures for voter registration at driver's license facilities.

Present law provides for current Louisiana driver's license, if he has one, or his birth certificate or birth certification card, or other documentation which is reasonably and sufficiently of the applicant's identity, age, and residency.

Proposed law retains present law and modifies language that require an applicant to submit documentation which provides satisfactory evidence of the applicant's identity, age, U.S. citizenship, and residency.

Proposed law provides satisfactory evidence of citizenship must include the any of the following:

- (1) A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the authorized employee.
- (2) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number or presentation to the authorized employee of the applicant's United States passport.
- (3) A presentation to the authorized employee of the applicant's United States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant shall not be included in the registration rolls until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the United States Department of Homeland Security by the authorized employee.
- (4) Other documents or methods of proof that are established pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
- (5). The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number or tribal enrollment number.

- (6) For the purposes of this section, proof of voter registration from another state is not evidence of citizenship.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, a driver's license or REAL ID is not evidence of citizenship.

(Amends R.S.18:114(F)(3); Adds R.S. 18:101(A)(4) and 102(A)(3)