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**HOUSE BILL 17**

Short Title: Voter I.D.

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Sponsors: Representatives Justus; Barnhart, Capps, Carpenter, Davis, Esposito, Hilton, Kiser, McComas, Morris, Rayfield, Walend, and Weatherly.

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Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

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January 30, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT VOTERS BE ASKED TO PRESENT  
2 IDENTIFICATION BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-150(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Checking Registration. – A person seeking to vote shall enter the voting  
6 enclosure at the voting place through the appropriate entrance and shall at once state his  
7 name and place of residence to one of the judges of election. In a primary election, the  
8 voter shall also state the political party with which he affiliates and in whose primary he  
9 desires to vote, or if the voter is an unaffiliated voter permitted to vote in the primary of  
10 a particular party under G.S. 163-119, the voter shall state the name of the authorizing  
11 political party in whose primary he wishes to vote. The judge to whom the voter gives  
12 this information shall announce the name and residence of the voter in a distinct tone of  
13 voice. A voter shall display one of the following types of valid identification:

14 (1) A North Carolina drivers license.

15 (2) A special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7.

16 (3) A passport.

17 (4) An identification card issued by the United States Department of  
18 Defense.

19 (5) A social security card and one other type of identification showing the  
20 name and a picture of the voter.

21 A voter who does not show one of those types of identification shall be allowed to mark  
22 a ballot. That ballot shall be sealed in an envelope on which it shall be noted that the  
23 voter did not display identification in compliance with the statute. The county board of  
24 elections shall determine if the voter is eligible to cast the ballot and, if so, shall count it,  
25 and if not, shall not count it. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules which  
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1 shall include instructions for county boards of elections in methods to determine the  
2 eligibility of persons who apply to vote without presenting identification.

3 After examining the precinct registration records, the chief judge shall state whether  
4 the person seeking to vote is duly registered."

5 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-227.2(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Not earlier than the first business day after the twenty-fifth day before an  
7 election, in which absentee ballots are authorized, in which a voter seeks to vote and not  
8 later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to that election, the voter shall appear in person  
9 only at the office of the county board of elections, except as provided in subsection ~~(f)~~  
10 (g) of this section. That voter shall enter the voting enclosure at the board office through  
11 the appropriate entrance and shall at once state his or her name and place of residence to  
12 an authorized member or employee of the board. A voter shall display one of the  
13 following types of valid identification:

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29 voter affiliates and in whose primary the voter desires to vote, or if the voter is an  
30 unaffiliated voter permitted to vote in the primary of a particular party under G.S.  
31 163-119, the voter shall state the name of the authorizing political party in whose  
32 primary he wishes to vote. The board member or employee to whom the voter gives this  
33 information shall announce the name and residence of the voter in a distinct tone of  
34 voice. After examining the registration records, an employee of the board shall state  
35 whether the person seeking to vote is duly registered. If the voter is found to be  
36 registered that voter may request that the authorized member or employee of the board  
37 furnish the voter with an application form as specified in G.S. 163-227. The voter shall  
38 complete the application in the presence of the authorized member or employee of the  
39 board, and shall deliver the application to that person."

40 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2002.