House Bill 270

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1   To amend Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

2   presentation of identification to poll workers, form of proper identification, swearing of

3   statement when unable to produce proper identification, provisional ballots for those, and

4   penalty for false statement under oath, so as to provide that certain driver's licenses and

5   identification cards shall not be proper identification for presentation to a poll worker; to

6   amend Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the

7   Department of Driver Services, so as to require participation of the Department of Driver

8   Services in the Records and Information from DMVs for E-Verify (RIDE) program of the

9   United States Department of Homeland Security; to provide for related matters; to provide

10   for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12   **SECTION 1.**

13   Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presentation

14   of identification to poll workers, form of proper identification, swearing of statement when

15   unable to produce proper identification, provisional ballots for those, and penalty for false

16   statement under oath, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

17   "(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, each elector shall

18   present proper identification to a poll worker at or prior to completion of a voter's

19   certificate at any polling place and prior to such person's admission to the enclosed space

20   at such polling place.

21   (2) Proper identification required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall consist:

22   (A) Consist of any one of the following:

23   (1)(i) A Georgia driver's license which was properly issued by the appropriate state

24   agency, except as provided for under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph;

25   (2)(ii)   A valid Georgia voter identification card issued under Code Section

26   21-2-417.1 or other valid identification card issued by a branch, department, agency,

27   or entity of the State of Georgia, any other state, or the United States authorized by

28   law to issue personal identification, provided that such identification card contains a

29   photograph of the elector, except as provided for under subparagraph (B) of this

30   paragraph;

31   (3)(iii) A valid United States passport;

32   (4)(iv) A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector

33   and issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States

34   government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity

35   of this state;

36   (5)(v)   A valid United States military identification card, provided that such

37   identification card contains a photograph of the elector; or

38   (6)(vi) A valid tribal identification card containing a photograph of the elector; and

39   (B) Not consist of a driver's license or identification card issued to noncitizen,

40   including, but not limited to a driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to

41   Code Section 40-5-21.1."

42   **SECTION 2.**

43   Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department

44   of Driver Services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

45   "40-16-9.

46   On or after July 1, 2019, the department shall participate in the Records and Information

47   from DMVs for E-Verify (RIDE) program of the United States Department of Homeland

48   Security. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for the department's

49   participation in such program."

50   **SECTION 3.**

51   This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law

52   without such approval.

53   **SECTION 4.**

54   All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.