## Chapter 410

<u>S.B. No. 5</u>

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1	<u>AN ACT</u>
2	relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification;
3	providing a criminal penalty and increasing a criminal penalty.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is
6	amended by adding Section 31.013 to read as follows:
7	Sec. 31.013. MOBILE LOCATIONS FOR OBTAINING
8	IDENTIFICATION. (a) The secretary of state shall establish a
9	program using mobile units to provide election identification
10	certificates to voters for the purpose of satisfying the
11	requirements of Section 63.001(b). A mobile unit may be used at
12	special events or at the request of a constituent group.
13	(b) In establishing the program, the secretary of state
14	shall consult with the Department of Public Safety on the creation
15	of the program, security relating to the issuance of an election
16	identification certificate, best practices in issuing an election
17	identification certificate, and equipment required to issue an
18	election identification certificate.
19	(c) The secretary of state may not charge a fee to a group
20	that requests a mobile unit established under this section.
21	(d) If the secretary of state cannot ensure the required
22	security or other necessary elements of the program, the secretary
23	of state may deny a request for a mobile unit established under this
24	section.

- 1 (e) The secretary of state shall adopt rules necessary for 2 the implementation of this section.
- 3 SECTION 2. Section 63.001, Election Code, is amended by
- 4 amending Subsections (b), (d), and (e) and adding Subsections (c-1)
- 5 and (i) to read as follows:
- 6 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (h), on offering to
- 7 vote, a voter must present to an election officer at the polling
- 8 place:
- 9 <u>(1)</u> one form of <u>photo</u> identification <u>listed in</u>
- 10 [described-by] Section 63.0101(a); or
- (2) one form of identification listed in Section
- 12 63.0101(b) accompanied by the declaration described by Subsection
- 13 <u>(i)</u> [<del>63.0101</del>].
- 14 (c-1) An election officer may not refuse to accept
- documentation presented to meet the requirements of Subsection (b)
- 16 solely because the address on the documentation does not match the
- 17 <u>address on the list of registered voters.</u>
- 18 (d) If, as determined under Subsection (c), the voter's name
- 19 is on the precinct list of registered voters and the voter's
- 20 identity can be verified from the documentation presented under
- 21 Subsection (b), the voter shall be accepted for voting. An election
- 22 officer may not question the reasonableness of an impediment sworn
- 23 to by a voter in a declaration described by Subsection (i).
- (e) On accepting a voter, an election officer shall indicate
- 25 beside the voter's name on the list of registered voters that the
- 26 voter is accepted for voting. If the voter executes a declaration
- 27 of reasonable impediment to meet the requirement for identification

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- 1 under Subsection (b), the election officer must affix the voter's
- 2 voter registration number to the declaration either in numeric or
- 3 bar code form.
- 4 (i) If the requirement for identification prescribed by
- 5 Subsection (b)(1) is not met, an election officer shall notify the
- 6 voter that the voter may be accepted for voting if the voter meets
- 7 the requirement for identification prescribed by Subsection (b)(2)
- 8 and executes a declaration declaring the voter has a reasonable
- 9 impediment to meeting the requirement for identification
- 10 prescribed by Subsection (b)(1). A person is subject to
- 11 prosecution for perjury under Chapter 37, Penal Code, or Section
- 12 63.0013 for a false statement or false information on the
- 13 declaration. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the
- 14 declaration. The form shall include:
- (1) a notice that a person is subject to prosecution
- 16 for perjury under Chapter 37, Penal Code, or Section 63.0013 for a
- 17 false statement or false information on the declaration;
- (2) a statement that the voter swears or affirms that
- 19 the information contained in the declaration is true, that the
- 20 person described in the declaration is the same person appearing at
- 21 the polling place to sign the declaration, and that the voter faces
- 22 a reasonable impediment to procuring the identification prescribed
- 23 by Subsection (b)(1);
- (3) a place for the voter to indicate one of the
- 25 following impediments:
- 26 (A) lack of transportation;
- 27 <u>(B) lack of birth certificate or other documents</u>

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- 1 needed to obtain the identification prescribed by Subsection
- 2 <u>(b)(1);</u>
- 3 (C) work schedule;
- 4 (D) lost or stolen identification;
- 5 <u>(E) disability or illness;</u>
- 6 <u>(F) family responsibilities; and</u>
- 7 (G) the identification prescribed by Subsection
- 8 (b)(1) has been applied for but not received;
- 9 (4) a place for the voter to sign and date the
- 10 <u>declaration;</u>
- 11 (5) a place for the election judge to sign and date the
- 12 <u>declaration</u>;
- (6) a place to note the polling place at which the
- 14 declaration is signed; and
- 15 (7) a place for the election judge to note which form
- 16 of identification prescribed by Subsection (b)(2) the voter
- 17 presented.
- 18 SECTION 3. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding
- 19 Section 63.0013 to read as follows:
- 20 Sec. 63.0013. FALSE STATEMENT ON DECLARATION OF REASONABLE
- 21 IMPEDIMENT. (a) A person commits an offense if the person
- 22 <u>intentionally makes a false statement or provides false information</u>
- 23 on a declaration executed under Section 63.001(i).
- (b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.
- 25 SECTION 4. Section 63.004(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 26 read as follows:
- 27 (a) The secretary of state may prescribe forms that combine

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- 1 the poll list, the signature roster, or any other form used in
- 2 connection with the acceptance of voters at polling places with
- 3 each other or with the list of registered voters. The secretary
- 4 shall prescribe any special instructions necessary for using the
- 5 combination forms. The combination forms must include space for an
- 6 election officer to indicate whether a voter executed a declaration
- 7 of reasonable impediment under Section 63.001(i).
- 8 SECTION 5. Section 63.0101, Election Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 63.0101. DOCUMENTATION OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.
- 11 (a) The following documentation is an acceptable form of photo
- 12 identification under this chapter:
- 13 (1) a driver's license, election identification
- 14 certificate, or personal identification card issued to the person
- 15 by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired or that
- 16 expired no earlier than four years [60 days] before the date of
- 17 presentation;
- 18 (2) a United States military identification card that
- 19 contains the person's photograph that has not expired or that
- 20 expired no earlier than four years [60 days] before the date of
- 21 presentation;
- 22 (3) a United States citizenship certificate issued to
- 23 the person that contains the person's photograph;
- 24 (4) a United States passport book or card issued to the
- 25 person that has not expired or that expired no earlier than four
- 26 years [60 days] before the date of presentation; or
- 27 (5) a license to carry a handgun issued to the person

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- 2 expired no earlier than <u>four years</u> [<del>60 days</del>] before the date of
- 3 presentation.
- 4 (b) The following documentation is acceptable as proof of
- 5 <u>identification under this chapter:</u>
- 6 (1) a government document that shows the name and
- 7 address of the voter, including the voter's voter registration
- 8 certificate;
- 9 (2) one of the following documents that shows the name
- 10 and address of the voter:
- 11 (A) a copy of a current utility bill;
- 12 (B) a bank statement;
- (C) a government check; or
- (D) a paycheck; or
- 15 (3) a certified copy of a domestic birth certificate
- 16 or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of
- 17 <u>law and establishes the person's identity.</u>
- 18 <u>(c)</u> A person 70 years of age or older may use a form of
- 19 <u>identification listed</u> in Subsection (a) that has expired for the
- 20 purposes of voting if the identification is otherwise valid.
- 21 SECTION 6. Section 63.012(b), Election Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- (b) An offense under this section is a Class  $\underline{A}$  [ $\underline{B}$ ]
- 24 misdemeanor.
- 25 SECTION 7. Section 272.011(b), Election Code, is amended to
- 26 read as follows:
- 27 (b) The secretary of state shall prepare the translation for

- 1 election materials required to be provided in a language other than
- 2 English or Spanish for the following state prescribed voter forms:
- 3 (1) voter registration application form required by
- 4 Section 13.002;
- 5 (2) the confirmation form required by Section 15.051;
- 6 (3) the voting instruction poster required by Section
- 7 62.011;
- 8 (4) the reasonable impediment declaration required by
- 9 Section 63.001(b);
- 10 <u>(5)</u> the statement of residence form required by
- 11 Section 63.0011;
- 12 (6) [(5)] the provisional ballot affidavit required
- 13 by Section 63.011;
- 14 (7) [(6)] the application for a ballot by mail
- 15 required by Section 84.011;
- 16 (8) (7) the carrier envelope and voting
- 17 instructions required by Section 86.013; and
- 18 (9) (8) any other voter forms that the secretary of
- 19 state identifies as frequently used and for which state resources
- 20 are otherwise available.
- 21 SECTION 8. Section 521A.001(a), Transportation Code, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- 23 (a) The department shall issue an election identification
- 24 certificate to a person who states that the person is obtaining the
- 25 certificate for the purpose of satisfying Section 63.001(b),
- 26 Election Code, and does not have another form of identification
- 27 described by Section 63.0101(a) [63.0101], Election Code, and:

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- 1 (1) who is a registered voter in this state and
- 2 presents a valid voter registration certificate; or
- 3 (2) who is eligible for registration under Section
- 4 13.001, Election Code, and submits a registration application to
- 5 the department.
- 6 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.

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hereby certify that S.B. W. 5 passed the Senate on March 28, 2017, the following vote: Yeas 21, by May 25, 2017, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate; May 27, 2017, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.\_\_

Speaker

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 5 passed the House, with amendments, on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 93, Nays 55, two present not voting; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 2017, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 92, Nays 56, one present not voting.

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Secretary of State

### FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2017

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB5 by Huffman (Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification; providing a criminal penalty and increasing a criminal penalty.), Conference Committee Report

### No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code and the Transportation Code relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

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The bill would take effect January 1, 2018.

### **Local Government Impact**

El Paso County reports minor fiscal implication relating to printing of new postings and declarations at polling sites at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Last election the county opted to mail a flyer to voters about the new ID law at a cost of \$50,000. Hunt, Travis, and Webb Counties estimates no significant fiscal impact.

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 405 Department of Public Safety

LBB Staff: UP, ASa, LBO, AG, NV, LM, JAW, BM

### FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

### May 25, 2017

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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**TO:** Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENT**

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A third degree felony is punishable by confinement in prison for a term from 2 to 10 years and, in addition to confinement, an optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Expanding the list of behaviors for which a criminal penalty is applied and creating an offense are expected to result in increased demands upon the correctional resources of counties or of the State due to a potential increase in the number of individuals placed under supervision in the community or sentenced to a term of confinement within state correctional institutions. This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources. In fiscal year 2016, 53 individuals were arrested, 11 were placed under felony community supervision, and 10 were admitted into state correctional institutions for the offense of aggravated perjury under existing statute.

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