

Action Alert

PLEASE CALL MEMBERS OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BY NOON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Oppose HB 569

Proof of Citizenship to Register and Government-Issued Photo ID to Vote (Patron: Marshall, D.W.)

On Wednesday, February 8, this bill was passed by in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. It is now scheduled to be heard on Friday, February 10, 30 minutes after the House floor session adjourns in the 9th Floor Appropriations Room of the General Assembly Building to discuss whether to approve funding for HB 569. If approved, this bill would then be brought to the full House.

Among other provisions, HB 569 requires proof of citizenship to register to vote and a government-issued photo ID to vote. Voter ID bills are purported to prevent voter impersonation fraud, of which Virginia has no history. The LWV-VA opposes voter ID laws because they are onerous and unnecessary legislation that disproportionately impact low-income, elderly, and minority individuals who are less likely to possess the documents required by these bills. This bill would disenfranchise an estimated 1.1 million Virginia voters because of the photo ID requirement. More than 388,000 Virginians may not be able to register to vote without having to track down, and pay for, documents to provide proof of citizenship, including, but not limited to their birth certificate, marriage license, and court orders such as a divorce decree or change of name. The Missouri Supreme Court struck down that state's photo ID law finding that the costs of obtaining the documents necessary to get a photo ID constituted an illegal poll tax.

Every citizen of age and without a felony conviction or impairment should be considered "eligible until proven otherwise." Voting is after all, a right of citizenship in this country and just as valid as innocent until proven guilty."

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Encourage these legislators to vote "NO" on HB 569!

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