

# VOTING BILLS UPDATE AT

## CROSSOVER TIME

It's crossover time at General Assembly  
We have been sending a lot of action alerts about  
voting bills and wanted to give you an update

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Rundown on Status of Voting Bills in Virginia General Assembly

1. PHOTO ID or Proof of Citizenship bill HB569 has apparently died in the House Appropriations Committee.
2. All bills to register by Party have failed.
3. Expanding use of provisional ballots if no identification presented at the poll - SB1 and HB 9

SB1 and HB9 - These are not Photo ID bills.

Each has passed in its respective chamber and will need to be assigned to committees during crossover so they are not final.

Below is a comparison of SB1 and HB9. The differences between these two will need to be reconciled and passed by both houses before it can be signed into law by the Governor.

SB1

If a voter who comes to the poll with no identification, he/she must vote with a provisional ballot, never with a regular ballot. No affirmation of identity form will be used.

Acceptable forms of ID have been extended and now include the following: Voter registration card:

Social Security card

Valid Virginia driver's license

ID card issued by government agency of the Commonwealth

ID card issued by one of Commonwealth's political subdivisions

ID card issued by a government agency of the United States

Valid student identification issued by 4-year institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter  
Copy of a current utility bill that shows the name and address of the voter

Copy of a bank statement that shows the name and address of the voter

Copy of a government check that shows the name and address of the voter  
A voter recognized and acknowledged by an officer of election at the precinct.

(Concealed handgun permit - provided for in another bill.)

The provisional ballot will be placed in an ID-ONLY provisional ballot envelope and will only require the voter to submit the acceptable identification the

following day to the electoral board meeting or submit it by facsimile, electronic mail, in-person submission, or timely United States Postal Service or commercial mail delivery.

#### HB9

If a voter who comes to the poll with no identification, he/she must vote with a provisional ballot.

Acceptable forms of identification have NOT been extended.

Acceptable forms currently include:

- Voter registration card

- Social Security card

- Valid Virginia driver's license

- ID card issued by government agency of the Commonwealth

- ID card issued by one of Commonwealth's political subdivisions

- ID card issued by a government agency of the United States

- Valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter

The voter without identification will be offered a provisional ballot, never a regular ballot, after signing a statement that he is the named registered voter who he claims to be. Other provisions include how the provisional ballot will be handled by the local Board of Elections the day after the election.