

Action Alert

Now is the time to take ACTION!

Polling place procedures; voter identification to be current, valid, and contain photograph. (HB1337)

The General Assembly is full steam ahead since last week marked crossover week in the General Assembly. Crossover week is when bills that have passed each chamber crossover to the other chamber.

Oppose: Please also contact the Senate Privileges and Elections committee regarding HB 1337.

(Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee on 2/12/13 at 4pm, Senate Room A.)

This bill removes several items from the list of *acceptable identification documents* that a voter must present when voting at the polls on Election Day: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter.

The League supports free, fair and accessible elections for all eligible Americans and we oppose efforts to create barriers that block citizens from fully participating in our great democracy. Voting is the one time when all citizens have an equal say in how we shall be governed. This bill threatens our equality, and thus our democracy, by gaming the system for political gain.

Further, Virginia spent millions of dollars educating voters on the changes in the law last year. While not everything was perfect in the past election, a record number of voters came to the polls. If this law passes, it will disenfranchise many voters. Legislators should address the real and serious problems of our state instead of allocating funds to address a non-existent problem.

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