Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1333
(Representatives Boehning, Rick C. Becker, Kasper)
(Senators Heckaman, Laffen, Larsen, J. Lee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 16.1-01-04, 16.1-05-07, and 16.1-07-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to voting requirements, qualifications of electors, and voter identification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-01-04. Qualifications of electors - Voting requirements.

1. Every citizen of the United States who is eighteen years or older; a resident of this state; and has resided in the precinct at least thirty days next preceding any election, except as otherwise provided in regard to residency in chapter 16.1-14, is a qualified elector.

2. For the purposes of this title, every qualified elector may have only one residence, shown by an actual fixed permanent dwelling, establishment, or any other abode.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual's residence must be determined in accordance with the rules for determining residency as provided in section 54-01-26.

4. Pursuant to section 2 of article II of the Constitution of North Dakota, voting by individuals convicted and sentenced for a felony must be limited according to chapter 12.1-33.

5. For the purposes of this title, an individual may not be deemed to have gained or lost a residence solely by reason of the individual's presence or absence while enrolled as a student at a college, university, or other postsecondary institution of learning in this state.

6. For the purposes of this title, a member of the armed forces of the United States may not be deemed to have gained or lost a residence in this state solely by reason of the member being stationed on duty in this state.

7. For the purposes of this title, an individual may not be deemed to have lost residence in the individual's precinct or in the state by reason of the individual engaging in temporary government service or private employment outside the individual's precinct or outside the state.

8. For purposes of this title, a qualified elector may not authorize an attorney in fact, guardian, or other individual to apply for any ballot or to vote in any election on behalf of or in the place of the qualified elector.

9. For purposes of this title, an elector seeking to vote in an election must meet the identification requirements specified in sections 16.1-05-07 and 16.1-07-06.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-05-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-05-07. Poll clerks to check identification and verify eligibility - Poll clerks to request, correct, and update incorrect information contained in the pollbook.

1. Before delivering a ballot to an individual according to section 16.1-13-22, the poll clerks shall require the individual to show identification, which includes the individual's residential address and date of birth. The valid forms of identification ~~may include~~are:

   a. A current driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by the department of transportation ~~or other official form of identification issued by the state~~;

   b. An official form of identification issued by a tribal government;

   c. ~~An alternative form of identification~~A long-term care certificate prescribed by the secretary of state, if the individual does not possess an official form of identification provided for under subdivision a or b; or

   d. ~~A combination of any of the forms of identification under subdivisions a through c~~For a uniformed service member or a qualifying family member temporarily stationed away from the individual's residence in the state or a qualified elector temporarily living outside the country, a current military identification card or passport if the individual does not possess an official form of identification provided for under subdivision a or b.

2. a. When verifying an individual's eligibility or when entering the name of an individual into the pollbook, poll clerks shall request, correct, and update any incorrect or incomplete information about an individual required to be included in the pollbook generated from the central voter file.

   b. If the individual's name is contained in the pollbook generated from the central voter file, the poll clerks shall verify the individual's residential address and mailing address, if different from the individual's residential address.

   c. If the individual's name is not contained in the pollbook generated from the central voter file but the individual is determined eligible to vote, the poll clerks shall record the individual's name in the pollbook. The poll clerks shall request and obtain any additional information for the individual required to be included in the pollbook.

3. Poll clerks shall direct an individual who is attempting to vote in the incorrect precinct or who does not meet the thirty-day residency requirement to the proper precinct and voting location.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-07-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-07-06. Application form.

1. Application for an absent voter's ballot must be made on a form, prescribed by the secretary of state, to be furnished by the proper officer of the county, city, or school district in which the applicant is an elector, on any form, approved by the secretary of state, or any blank containing the following:

   a. The applicant's name.

   b. The applicant's current or most recent North Dakota residential address.

   c. The applicant's mailing address.

   d. The applicant's current contact telephone number.

   e. The election for which the ballot is being requested.

f. The date of the request.

g. An affirmation that the applicant has resided, or will reside, in the precinct for at least thirty days next preceding the election and will be a qualified elector of the precinct.

h. The applicant's signature.

i. A space for the voter to indicate the voter's status as a citizen living outside the United States, a uniformed service member living away from the voter's North Dakota residence, or a family member of the uniformed service member living away from the voter's North Dakota residence.

j. The applicant's birth date and year.

k. ~~The applicant's motor vehicle operator's license or nondriver identification number or tribal~~As provided in subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-07, the identification number from one of the applicant's valid forms of identification or a copy of the ~~voter's alternate form of identification approved by the secretary of state under subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-07~~applicant's long-term care certificate.

2. If the applicant is unable to sign the applicant's name to the application, the applicant shall mark (X) or use the applicant's signature stamp on the application in the presence of a disinterested individual. The disinterested individual shall print the name of the individual marking the X or using the signature stamp below the X or signature stamp and shall sign the disinterested individual's own name following the printed name together with the notation "witness to the mark".

3. If the applicant does not possess or cannot secure an approved form of identification as provided for under subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-07 due to a disability with which the individual lives and which prevents the individual from traveling to obtain, the application also must be signed by another qualified elector who, by signing, certifies that the applicant is a qualified elector. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the certification required under this subsection. An individual may not certify the qualifications of more than four applicants in an election.

4. The application for a qualified elector serving on active duty as a uniformed service member or a family member who is a qualified elector and stationed at a location other than that individual's voting residential address must include the following additional information if the voter desires to vote by facsimile or electronic mail:

   a. Facsimile telephone number; or

   b. Electronic mail address.

5. The application for a qualified elector living outside the United States must include a facsimile telephone number or electronic mail address if the voter desires to vote by facsimile or electronic mail.

6. Except for the applicant's date of birth and motor vehicle driver's license or nondriver identification card number, the application is an open record under section 44-04-18.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1333.

House Vote:	Yeas 68	Nays 23	Absent 3
Senate Vote:	Yeas 38	Nays 9	Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State