

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1431

(Representatives Louser, Bosch, D. Johnson, Kasper, Klemin, Lefor, Schatz, Schauer, Wagner)  
(Senators Hogue, Vedaa)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 16.1-01-04.1 and subsection 2 of section 16.1-15-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to proof of citizenship.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-01-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-01-04.1. Identification verifying eligibility as an elector.**

1. A qualified elector shall provide a valid form of identification to the proper election official before receiving a ballot for voting.
2. The identification must provide the following information regarding the elector:
  - a. Legal name;
  - b. Current residential street address in North Dakota; and
  - c. Date of birth.
3. a. A valid form of identification is:
  - (1) A driver's license or nondriver's identification card issued by the North Dakota department of transportation; or
  - (2) An official form of identification issued by a tribal government to a tribal member residing in this state.b. If an individual's valid form of identification does not include all the information required under subsection 2 or the information on the identification is not current, the identification must be supplemented by presenting any of the following issued to the individual which provides the missing or outdated information:
  - (1) A current utility bill;
  - (2) A current bank statement;
  - (3) A check issued by a federal, state, or local government;
  - (4) A paycheck;
  - (5) A document issued by a federal, state, or local government; or
  - (6) A printed document containing all of the information required by subsection 2 issued by an institution of higher education for an enrolled student residing in the state and containing the institution's letterhead or seal, along with a student photo identification card issued by the institution and containing the student's photograph and legal name.

4. The following forms of identification are valid for the specified individuals living under special circumstances who do not possess a valid form of identification under subsection 3.
  - a. For an individual living in a long-term care facility, a long-term care certificate prescribed by the secretary of state and issued by a long-term care facility in this state;
  - b. For a uniformed service member or immediate family member temporarily stationed away from the individual's residence in this state, or a resident of the state temporarily living outside the country, a current military identification card or passport; and
  - c. For an individual living with a disability that prevents the individual from traveling away from the individual's home, the signature on an absentee or mail ballot application from another qualified elector who, by signing, certifies the applicant is a qualified elector.
5. If an individual is not able to show a valid form of identification but asserts qualifications as an elector in the precinct in which the individual desires to vote, the individual may mark a ballot that must be ~~securely~~ securely set aside in a sealed envelope designed by the secretary of state. After the ballot is set aside, the individual may show a valid form of identification to ~~either a polling place election board member if the individual returns to the polling place before the polls close, or to an employee of the office of the election official responsible for the administration of the election~~ via print or electronic means before the meeting of the canvassing board occurring on the thirteenth day after the election. Each ballot set aside under this subsection must be presented to the members of the canvassing board for proper inclusion or exclusion from the tally.
6. If an individual presents a nondriver identification card issued under subsection 2 of section 39-06-03.1 or an operator's license issued under section 39-06-14, and the card or license indicates the individual is a noncitizen, but the individual asserts valid citizenship, the individual may mark a ballot that must be set aside securely in a sealed envelope designed by the secretary of state. After the ballot is set aside, the individual may present a nondriver identification card issued under subsection 2 of section 39-06-03.1 or an operator's license issued under section 39-06-14 that no longer reflects that the individual is a noncitizen, to the election official responsible for the administration of the election via print or electronic means before the meeting of the canvassing board occurring on the thirteenth day after the election. Each ballot set aside under this subsection must be presented to the members of the canvassing board for proper inclusion in or exclusion from the tally. This section does not effect any associated consent decree or administrative rules adopted related to a consent decree consented to or enacted before August 1, 2023.
7. The secretary of state shall develop uniform procedures for the requirements of ~~subsections~~ subsections 5 and 6 which must be followed by the election official responsible for the administration of the election.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 16.1-15-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Each ballot within a sealed envelope set aside for an individual ~~who was unable to provide a valid form of identification when appearing to vote in the election~~ as outlined in subsections 5 and 6 of section 16.1-01-04.1 must be delivered to the election official responsible for the administration of the election so the envelope containing the ballot is available if the individual for whom the ballot was set aside appears in the official's office to verify the individual's eligibility as an elector. The verified and unverified ballots set aside must be delivered to the members of the canvassing board for proper inclusion in or exclusion from the canvass of votes.

Dennis Z. Johnson  
Speaker of the House

Tammy Miller  
President of the Senate

Bull J. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

David Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1431.

House Vote:    Yeas 91                Nays 0                Absent 3

Senate Vote:    Yeas 41                Nays 5                Absent 1

Bull J. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

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Doug Burgum  
Governor

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Michael Howe  
Secretary of State