

SSB 5499 - S AMD TO S AMD (KAST HESS 012)103
By Senator Carrell

1 On page 6, after line 38, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) Short Title. This section may be cited as the "Washington
5 Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act."

6 (2) Findings and Declaration. The legislature finds that illegal
7 immigration is causing economic hardship to this state and that illegal
8 immigration is encouraged by public agencies within this state that
9 provide public benefits without verifying immigration status. The
10 legislature further finds that illegal immigrants have been given a
11 safe haven in this state with the aid of identification cards that are
12 issued without verifying immigration status, and that this conduct
13 contradicts federal immigration policy, undermines the security of our
14 borders, and demeans the value of citizenship. Therefore, the
15 legislature finds that the public interest of this state requires all
16 public agencies within this state cooperate with federal immigration
17 authorities to discourage illegal immigration.

18 (3) Form of Registration. In addition to the requirements of RCW
19 29A.08.010, the form of registration provided by the secretary of state
20 or county auditor must include a statement that the applicant must
21 submit evidence of United States citizenship with the application and
22 that the county auditor or secretary of state shall reject the
23 application if no evidence of citizenship is attached.

24 (4) The county auditor or secretary of state shall reject any
25 application for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory
26 evidence of United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of
27 citizenship includes any of the following:

28 (a) The number of the applicant's Washington state driver's license
29 or Washington state identification card issued by the department of
30 licensing, but only if the department indicates on the applicant's
31 driver's license or identification card that the applicant has provided
32 satisfactory proof of United States citizenship;

1 (b) A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that
2 verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the county auditor or
3 secretary of state;

4 (c) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's
5 United States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's
6 passport number or presentation to the county auditor or the secretary
7 of state of the applicant's United States passport;

8 (d) A presentation to the county auditor or secretary of state of
9 the applicant's United States naturalization documents or the number of
10 the certificate of naturalization. If only the number of the
11 certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant must not be
12 included in the registration rolls until the number of the certificate
13 of naturalization is verified with the United States Immigration and
14 Naturalization Service by the county auditor or secretary of state;

15 (e) Other documents or methods of proof that are established under
16 the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; or

17 (f) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal
18 treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.

19 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, any person who
20 is registered in this state on the effective date of this section is
21 deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and may
22 not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the person
23 is changing voter registration from one county to another or
24 reregistering to vote.

25 (6) Proof of voter registration from another state or county is not
26 satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

27 (7) After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of
28 citizenship, the county auditor or secretary of state shall indicate
29 this information in the person's permanent voter file. After two
30 years, the county auditor or secretary of state may destroy all
31 documents that were submitted as evidence of citizenship."

32 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal
33 references accordingly.

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4 On page 20, on line 23 of the title amendment, after "29A.84.650;"
5 insert "adding a new section to chapter 29A.08 RCW;"

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EFFECT: (1) Requires that applicants for voter registration provide proof of United States citizenship;
(2) Requires that county auditors and the secretary of state reject an application for voter registration that does not include proof of United States citizenship;
(3) Lists satisfactory evidence of citizenship.