

**SSB 5499** - S AMD TO S AMD (KAST HESS 016)368

By Senators Carrell, McCaslin, Morton, Johnson, Zarelli, Brandland, Benton, Schmidt, Esser, Deccio, Stevens, Schoesler, Roach and Pflug

1 On page 8 after line 19 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08  
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) Form of registration. In addition to the requirements of RCW  
5 29A.08.010, the form of registration provided by the secretary of state  
6 or county auditor must include a statement that the applicant must  
7 submit evidence of United States citizenship with the application and  
8 that the county auditor or secretary of state shall reject the  
9 application if no evidence of citizenship is attached.

10 (2) The county auditor or secretary of state shall reject any  
11 application for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory  
12 evidence of United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of  
13 citizenship includes any of the following:

14 (a) The number of the applicant's Washington state driver's license  
15 or Washington state identification card issued by the department of  
16 licensing, but only if the department indicates on the applicant's  
17 driver's license or identification card that the applicant has provided  
18 satisfactory proof of United States citizenship;

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

22 (c) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's  
23 United States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's  
24 passport number or presentation to the county auditor or the secretary  
25 of state of the applicant's United States passport;

26 (d) A presentation to the county auditor or secretary of state of  
27 the applicant's United States naturalization documents or the number of  
28 the certificate of naturalization. If only the number of the  
29 certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant must not be  
30 included in the registration rolls until the number of the certificate

1 of naturalization is verified with the United States Immigration and  
2 Naturalization Service by the county auditor or secretary of state;

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

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

7 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, any person who  
8 is registered in this state on the effective date of this section is  
9 deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and may  
10 not be required to resubmit evidence of citizenship unless the person  
11 is changing voter registration from one county to another or  
12 reregistering to vote.

13 (4) Proof of voter registration from another state or county is not  
14 satisfactory evidence of citizenship.

15 (5) After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of  
16 citizenship, the county auditor or secretary of state shall indicate  
17 this information in the person's permanent voter file. After two  
18 years, the county auditor or secretary of state may destroy all  
19 documents that were submitted as evidence of citizenship."

20 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
21 references accordingly.

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24 On page 22, line 12 of the title amendment, after "29A.84.650;"  
25 insert "adding a new section to chapter 29A.08 RCW;"

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**EFFECT:** Requires that applicants for voter registration provide proof of  
U.S. citizenship.