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WITHDRAWN 03/11/2005

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) 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 that  
16 all public agencies within this state cooperate with federal  
17 immigration 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

1 licensing, but only if the department indicates on the applicant's  
2 driver's license or identification card that the applicant has provided  
3 satisfactory proof of United States citizenship;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
36 references accordingly.

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

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.

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