

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3321

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require each voter registration agency in a State which requires an individual to present a government-issued photo identification as a condition of voting in an election for Federal office to provide such an identification without charge upon request to any such individual who does not otherwise possess one, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2013

Mr. COHEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Voter ID Accessibility
3 Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING STATES WITH PHOTO IDENTIFICATION**
5 **REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING TO PROVIDE**
6 **IDENTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT**
7 **IDENTIFICATION.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 7 of the National Voter
9 Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–5) is amend-
10 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(e) PROVISION OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BY
12 STATES REQUIRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AS CONDI-
13 TION OF VOTING.—If a State has in effect a requirement
14 that an individual present a government-issued photo
15 identification as a condition of voting in an election for
16 Federal office held in the State (or, in the case of an indi-
17 vidual who wishes to vote by mail in such an election, a
18 copy of a government-issued photo identification)—

19 “(1) in the case of an individual who is an ap-
20 plicant to register to vote in the State, each voter
21 registration agency in the State shall, at the time
22 the agency provides the individual with a voter reg-
23 istration application form, notify the individual of
24 such requirement and provide the individual with
25 such an identification without charge upon request;

1 “(2) in the case of an individual who is reg-
2 istered to vote in the State but does not otherwise
3 possess such an identification, the State shall, at
4 such time and in accordance with such procedures as
5 the State may require, notify the individual of such
6 requirement and provide the individual with such an
7 identification without charge upon request, so long
8 as the State provides the individual with reasonable
9 opportunities to obtain the identification prior to the
10 date of the election; and

11 “(3) in the case of an individual who requests
12 that a voter registration agency provide the indi-
13 vidual with such an identification under paragraph
14 (1) or paragraph (2), the State shall provide the in-
15 dividual with such assistance without charge upon
16 request as may be necessary to enable the individual
17 to obtain and process any documentation necessary
18 to obtain the identification.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this Act shall apply with respect to elections held on or
21 after the 90-day period which begins on the date of the
22 enactment of this Act.

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