

Senate File 302 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO HF 99 BY GUSTOFF)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to citizenship status on forms of voter
2 identification, and including applicability provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 48A.10A, subsection 1, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The state registrar shall compare lists of persons who
4 are registered to vote with the department of transportation's
5 driver's license and nonoperator's identification card files and
6 shall, on an initial basis, issue a voter identification card to
7 each active, registered voter whose name does not appear in the
8 department of transportation's files. The voter identification
9 card shall include the name of the registered voter, a signature
10 line above which the registered voter shall sign the voter
11 identification card, the registered voter's identification number
12 assigned to the voter pursuant to section 47.7, subsection 2, an
13 additional four-digit personal identification number assigned by
14 the state commissioner, an indication of whether the voter is a
15 citizen of the United States, and the times during which polling
16 places will be open on election days.

17 Sec. 2. Section 49.78, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended by
18 adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. If the form of identification presented by
20 a voter does not indicate whether the voter is a citizen of the
21 United States, the voter shall present additional documentation
22 sufficient to show that the voter is a citizen of the United
23 States. The state commissioner shall adopt rules for the
24 implementation of this paragraph.

25 Sec. 3. Section 49.78, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2025,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 b. Other forms of identification sufficient to establish
28 identity and residence under section 48A.7A, subsection 1,
29 paragraph "b", if the form of identification indicates that the
30 voter is a citizen of the United States.

31 Sec. 4. Section 321.182, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
32 2025, is amended to read as follows:

33 a. Make application on a form provided by the department
34 which shall include the applicant's full name, signature, current
35 mailing address, current residential address, date of birth,

1 social security number, and physical description including sex,
2 height, and eye color. The application shall also require the
3 applicant to indicate whether the applicant is a citizen of
4 the United States and, if so, to submit proof of citizenship.
5 The application may contain other information the department
6 may require by rule. Pursuant to procedures established by
7 the department and for an applicant who is a foreign national
8 temporarily present in this state, the department may waive the
9 requirement that the application include the applicant's social
10 security number.

11 Sec. 5. Section 321.189, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
12 2025, is amended to read as follows:

13 a. Appearing on the driver's license shall be a
14 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; the licensee's
15 full name, date of birth, sex, and residence address; a color
16 photograph; a physical description of the licensee; an indication
17 of whether the licensee is a citizen of the United States; the
18 name of the state; the dates of issuance and expiration; and
19 the usual signature of the licensee. The license shall identify
20 the class of vehicle the licensee may operate and the applicable
21 endorsements and restrictions which the department shall require
22 by rule.

23 Sec. 6. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
24 2025, is amended to read as follows:

25 a. The department shall, upon application and payment of
26 the required fee, issue to an applicant a nonoperator's
27 identification card. To be valid the card shall bear a
28 distinguishing number other than a social security number
29 assigned to the cardholder, the full name, date of birth, sex,
30 residence address, a physical description and a color photograph
31 of the cardholder, an indication of whether the cardholder is
32 a citizen of the United States, the usual signature of the
33 cardholder, and such other information as the department may
34 require by rule. An applicant for a nonoperator's identification
35 card shall apply for the card in the manner provided in

1 section 321.182, subsections 1 through 3. The card shall be
2 issued to the applicant at the time of application pursuant to
3 procedures established by rule. An applicant for a nonoperator's
4 identification card who is required by 50 U.S.C. app. §451 et
5 seq. to register with the United States selective service system
6 shall be registered by the department with the selective service
7 system as provided in section 321.183.

8 Sec. 7. APPLICABILITY. The following apply to voter
9 identification cards, driver's licenses, and nonoperator's
10 identification cards applied for, issued, or renewed on or after
11 the effective date of this Act:

- 12 1. The section of this Act amending section 48A.10A.
- 13 2. The section of this Act amending section 321.182.
- 14 3. The section of this Act amending section 321.189.
- 15 4. The section of this Act amending section 321.190.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires voter identification cards, driver's
20 licenses, and nonoperator's identification cards applied for,
21 issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of the bill
22 to include an indication of whether the person identified on the
23 card is a citizen of the United States. The bill also requires
24 a voter to present documentation indicating whether the voter
25 is a citizen of the United States if the voter's form of voter
26 identification does not indicate whether the voter is a citizen
27 of the United States. Under current law, other accepted forms of
28 voter identification include a United States passport, a United
29 States military or veterans identification card, or a tribal
30 identification card.