

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Harris offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 415 and 416, insert:

**Section 7. Section 97.0533, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

97.0533 Voter Proof of Citizenship Identification

Assistance Fund.—

(1) There is established a Voter Proof of Citizenship Identification Assistance Fund within the State Treasury to be used by the Department of State as provided in this section.

(2) The Voter Proof of Citizenship Identification Assistance Fund shall be used exclusively to cover the

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14 reasonable costs incurred by applicants or voters in obtaining  
15 documentation required to satisfy proof of citizenship  
16 requirements under general law for voter registration or  
17 continued eligibility to vote. Funds may be used to pay for or  
18 reimburse costs associated with obtaining, replacing, or  
19 correcting documents, including, but not limited to:

20 (a) A United States passport.

21 (b) A certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a  
22 state or territory of the United States.

23 (c) A certificate of naturalization or certificate of  
24 citizenship.

25 (d) Documentation for a legal name change, including, but  
26 not limited to, marriage certificates or court orders.

27 (e) Fees for a Florida driver license or state  
28 identification card issued for the purpose of satisfying proof  
29 of citizenship requirements.

30 (f) Reasonable fees for processing, notarization, or  
31 records retrieval associated with any documentation listed in  
32 paragraphs (a)-(e).

33 (3) An applicant for voter registration or a registered  
34 voter who attests that he or she requires financial assistance  
35 to obtain documentation necessary to meet proof of citizenship  
36 requirements is eligible to receive assistance from the Voter  
37 Proof of Citizenship Identification Assistance Fund.

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38       (4) The Department of State shall administer the Voter  
39 Proof of Citizenship Identification Assistance Fund and may  
40 distribute moneys directly to agencies issuing the documentation  
41 or to applicants to reimburse them upon the submission of  
42 receipts or invoices. Supervisors of elections shall provide to  
43 the Department of State information regarding the availability  
44 of the Voter Proof of Citizenship Identification Assistance Fund  
45 to the applicants and voters who are required to provide proof  
46 of citizenship.

47       (5) The Department of State shall adopt rules to ensure:  
48       (a) A simple, uniform, and accessible application process.  
49       (b) Timely processing of requests.  
50       (c) Prevention of unnecessary delay in voter registration  
51 or list maintenance proceedings.

52       (6) The Legislature shall annually appropriate sufficient  
53 funds to ensure the availability of assistance statewide. Moneys  
54 in the fund shall not revert at the end of a fiscal year but  
55 shall remain available for the purposes set forth in this  
56 section.

57       (7) This section shall be liberally construed to promote  
58 access to voter registration and to ensure that eligible United  
59 States citizens are not prevented from exercising the right to  
60 vote due to inability to pay for required documentation.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Between lines 40 and 41, insert:  
creating s. 97.0533, F.S.; creating the Voter Proof of  
Citizenship Identification Assistance Fund within the  
State Treasury for a certain purpose; specifying how  
moneys in the fund may be used; providing for  
eligibility to receive funds; requiring the Department  
of State to administer the fund; requiring supervisors  
of elections to provide certain information to the  
department; requiring the department to adopt certain  
rules; requiring the Legislature to provide an annual  
appropriation; prohibiting moneys in the fund from  
reverting; providing construction;

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