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# H. R. 4126

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2012

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ELLISON, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## 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 2012”.

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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