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SB 567 – Elections – In Person Voting – Proof of Identity

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

Senate Bill 567 is common sense legislation that would require voter ID but expands the types of identification that can be used.

One of the main concerns expressed about requiring voter ID is that there are individuals do not possess a government-issued ID. Senate Bill 567 deals with this by including a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government-issued document; a voter notification card; or the sample ballot mailed to the voter by a local board.

There are now 36 states that request or require ID to vote[i]. In our one-person-one-vote system, having intentional but reasonable security measures instills confidence in the sanctity of our votes and our system of government. There have been many cases in which people registered in multiple states vote multiple times, cases in which deceased voter cast a ballot, or is a non-citizen. Senate Bill 567 will give voters the confidence that all who vote do so legally.

I respectfully request a favorable on Senate Bill 567.

[i] National Conference of State Legislatures. *Voter ID Laws*. July 2025. Voter ID Laws (ncsl.org)