



A RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HB 244 AND SB 84, BOTH WHICH PROPOSE TO REQUIRE VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IN ORDER TO CAST THEIR BALLOT AND CHANGE OTHER VOTING RULES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, proposed HB 244 and SB 84 both propose to amend the Georgia Code to require voters to present one (1) of five (5) forms of photo identification prior to being allowed to cast their ballot; and

WHEREAS, passage of HB 244 or SB 84 both would make Georgia the most restrictive state in the union concerning voter identification; and

WHEREAS, current Georgia law allows voters to show one of 17 kinds of documentation; and

WHEREAS, other states that require photo ID also allow provisional ballots or other means of identification for voters without photo ID; and

WHEREAS, neither HB 244 nor SB 84 allow for flexibility as in other states requiring photo ID; and

WHEREAS, an Atlanta Journal-Constitution article indicates that the Georgia AARP estimates that 36 percent of their members older than 75 do not have voter identification; and

WHEREAS, enactment of HB 244 or SB 84 would have a disproportionate impact on the poor and elderly; making it harder for them to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That the 2005 Georgia General Assembly is urged to oppose HB 244 and SB 84 which propose to require voters to present photo identification in order to cast their ballot and change other voting rules.

Section 2: That the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor Lieutenant Governor and all members of the 2005 Georgia General Assembly.

A true copy,

ADOPTED as amended by the City Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

March 21, 2005
March 25, 2005

Rhonda Daughin Johnson
Municipal Clerk

RCS# 6589
3/21/05
3:53 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

PERSONAL

05-R-0606

OPPOSING HB 244 AND SB 84 REQUIRING
SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION TO CAST BALLOT
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS: 9
NAYS: 2
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 2

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	N Fauver	B Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	E Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	N Muller	B Sheperd	NV Borders

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COUNCIL

AS AMENDED

Adopted by Full Council 3/21/05

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- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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MAYOR'S ACTION

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