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HB 152: Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting

As introduced, this bill states that a registration applicant must provide a Montana Driver's license, the last four digits of a social security number, a current Montana ID card or a current tribal photo ID card.

There are two problems with this Section 1.

The first is that 13-2-206 of the 2009 MCA says **"A person may not be permitted to register until the person attains United States citizenship."** There is nothing in this section that requires a person to prove he/she is a US citizen by a US passport, Federal ID card, birth certificate, naturalization papers, etc.

Our farm has utilized foreign agricultural trainees for a number of years. Each one has come for one crop season on a training VISA. They have all applied for and received social security cards and Montana driver's licenses.

I spoke with a Joann at the MT Department of Motor Vehicles on 1/7/2011 (444-3292) to see if there was anything on a Montana driver's license that indicated citizenship status. She said that the possession of a Montana Driver's license is only proof that a person is legally in the US.

Some provision is needed to ensure that an applicant is indeed a US citizen before they are allowed to vote.

The second problem is that wording does not specify a Montana tribal ID card. Anyone wishing to register and vote in State elections should be a member of a Montana tribe and a resident of Montana.

Also, it should be stipulated that all copies of photo IDs submitted for registration and/or voting should be clear and legible enough to positively identify the person.

Thank you,