

HOUSE BILL 928

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 4; Title 5 and Title 6, relative to photo
identification cards issued by local governments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A county shall only issue a photo identification card for the following purposes:

(1) For an employee or elected official of the county, if the photo identification card relates to the employee's or official's job duties;

(2) For an employee of a vendor or contractor that contracts with the county, or an employee of a subcontractor that contracts with such a vendor or contractor, if the identification card relates to the employee's job duties for the county;

(3) To use a transit system owned or operated by the county; or

(4) To use or access services or facilities owned by the county.

(b) Any identification card issued by a county prior to the effective date of this act for purposes other than those described in subsection (a) is not valid to establish proof of identity or residence on or after the effective date of this act.

(c) After the effective date of this act, any photo identification card issued by or at the direction of a county shall:

(1) State clearly on its face in at least twelve (12) point type, "Not authorized for any voting purposes. Not an identification card"; and

(2) Not be used to establish proof of residence or to obtain public assistance benefits under § 4-58-103.

(d) As used in this section, "county" includes a county with a metropolitan form of government.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A municipality shall only issue a photo identification card for the following purposes:

(1) For an employee or elected official of the municipality, if the photo identification card relates to the employee's or official's job duties;

(2) For an employee of a vendor or contractor that contracts with the municipality, or an employee of a subcontractor that contracts with such a vendor or contractor, if the identification card relates to the employee's job duties for the municipality;

(3) To use a transit system owned or operated by the municipality; or

(4) To use or access services or facilities owned by the municipality.

(b) Any identification card issued by a municipality prior to the effective date of this act for purposes other than those described in subsection (a) is not valid to establish proof of identity or residence on or after the effective date of this act.

(c) After the effective date of this act, any photo identification card issued by or at the direction of a municipality shall:

(1) State clearly on its face in at least twelve (12) point type, "Not authorized for any voting purposes. Not an identification card"; and

(2) Not be used to establish proof of residence or to obtain public assistance benefits under § 4-58-103.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.