

H. B. 2881

(By Delegates Householder, Gearheart, Ellington,
Miller and Cowles)

[Introduced March 8, 2013; referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §3-2-7 of the Code of West Virginia,
1931, as amended, relating to voting procedures; and requiring
photograph on voter's registration card.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §3-2-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be
amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

**§3-2-7. Hours and days of registration in the office of the clerk
of the county commission; in-person application for
voter registration; identification required; photograph
required on voter's registration card.**

(a) The clerk of the county commission shall provide voter
registration services at all times when the office of the clerk is
open for regular business.

(b) Any eligible voter who desires to apply for voter
registration in person at the office of the clerk of the county

1 commission shall complete a voter registration application on the
2 prescribed form and shall sign the oath required on that
3 application in the presence of the clerk of the county commission
4 or his or her deputy. The applicant shall present valid
5 identification and proof of age, except that the clerk may waive
6 the proof of age requirement if the applicant is clearly over the
7 age of eighteen.

8 (c) The clerk shall attempt to establish whether the residence
9 address given is within the boundaries of an incorporated
10 municipality and, if so, make the proper entry required for
11 municipal residents to be properly identified for municipal voter
12 registration purposes.

13 (d) Upon receipt of the completed registration application,
14 the clerk shall either:

15 (1) Provide a notice of procedure for verification and notice
16 of disposition of the application and immediately begin the
17 verification process prescribed by the provisions of section
18 sixteen of this article; or

19 (2) Upon presentation of a current driver's license or
20 state-issued identification card containing the residence address
21 as it appears on the voter registration application, issue the
22 receipt of registration.

23 (e) Receipts of registration shall be in the form of a voter's
24 registration card, confirming the registrant's address, precinct,

1 registration status and containing a photo of the voter.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require counties to provide a voter's registration card, complete with photo of the voter, to voters for voting purposes.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.