

HB 709 -- VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

SPONSOR: Dusenberg

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, election authorities are required to issue voter notification cards to voters no later than 90 days prior to a primary or general election with certain exceptions. This bill changes the reference from notification to identification cards and specifies that individuals registering to vote by postcard and who have not previously voted will not receive an identification card.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow the use of voter identification cards to vote. Notification cards cannot be used to vote and do not serve any real purpose since the photographic identification bill was ruled unconstitutional.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dusenberg; Darrell Kemp, Missouri County Clerks Association; Janet Ritter, Missourians Against Illegal Immigration; Tammy Brown, Jackson County Election Board; and Dale Russell.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.