



**Exempt Action Proposed Regulation
Agency Background Document**

Agency name	State Board of Elections
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	1 VAC 20-40-10
Regulation title	Definitions
Action title	Revise Valid Definition
Document preparation date	June 25, 2014

When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form.

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

At its meeting on June 24, 2014, a majority of the State Board of Elections approved inviting comments on a revised definition of the term “valid” in the final regulation § 20-40-10 approved June 10, 2014, for implementing Virginia’s photo identification requirement effective July 1, 2014. The majority’s action responds to inquiries from members of the General Assembly. Representatives of four voter advocacy organizations spoke in opposition.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The proposed regulation may increase the need for family members to assist other family members to obtain photo identification.

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Public participation

Please indicate whether the agency is seeking comments on the intended regulatory action, including ideas to assist the agency in the development of the proposal and the costs and benefits of the alternatives stated in this notice or other alternatives. Also, indicate whether a public hearing is to be held to receive comments on this notice.

The agency is seeking comments on the proposed regulatory action, including but not limited to improving clarity and utility to voters and election officials.

Anyone wishing to submit comments may do so **at the public hearing to be scheduled in August. Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments online from July 14, 2014 through Monday August 4, 2014, using the** Regulatory Town Hall website www.townhall.virginia.gov or by mail, email, or fax to Myron McClees, Policy Analyst, 1100 Bank St., Richmond, VA 23291, 804.864.8949, 804.371.0194 (fax), Myron.McClees@elections.virginia.gov or Susan Lee, Manager, 804.864.8928 Susan.Lee@elections.virginia.gov Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter. In order to be considered, written comments must be received by the last day of the public comment period.

A public hearing will be held and notice of the hearing may be found on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website (www.townhall.virginia.gov) and can be found in the Calendar of Events section of the Virginia Register of Regulations. Both oral and written comments may be submitted at that time. Anyone wishing to submit comments may do so at the public hearing to be scheduled.

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