

Voter ID's Effect on Nebraskans

Youth and College Students

Citizens ages 18-24 are the most highly mobile population in the United States and often lack a current and valid state identification card. ¹

Students and youth who are from Nebraska and have an unexpired Nebraska drivers license will not receive a free voter registration card under LB 239. ²

Senior Citizens

Seniors who can only afford nursing homes are exempted from LB 239. Further, seniors who wish to remain independent and not live in a nursing home are not exempted from having photo ID in LB 239. ³

Seniors are less likely to possess government-issued photo identification. A national study by the Brennan Center found that 18 percent of seniors 65 years and older do not possess a current government issued photo ID. ⁴

Low Income Citizens

According to the national study conducted by the Brennan Center 15 percent of Citizens earning less than \$35,000 per year are less likely to possess photo identification. ⁵

Citizens who already have a Nebraska drivers license but is not valid because they have not updated their current address will have to pay \$26.00 every time they move in order to vote. ⁶

People with Disabilities

LB 239 will adversely affect 80,763 elderly and Nebraskans with disabilities who are unable to make it to the DMV to get proper and current identification to vote. ⁷

Sources:

- ¹ U.S. Census Current Population Geographical Mobility Report <http://www.census.gov/hhes/migration/>
- ² LB 239 has no exception for student ID's, see http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=12209
- ³ LB 239 has exceptions only for those in nursing homes, see http://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=12209
- ⁴ See the national Brennan Center study here: http://www.brennancenter.org/page/-/dl/download_file_39242.pdf
- ⁵ See the national Brennan Center study here: http://www.brennancenter.org/page/-/dl/download_file_39242.pdf
- ⁶ Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Website: http://www.dmv.ne.gov/admin/pdf/2010_annual_report.pdf (page 19)
- ⁷ See the 2000 U.S. Census Disability Status (2010 Data Forthcoming) www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/c2kbr-17.pdf