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# Virginia Regulatory Town Hall

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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	State Board of Elections
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	1 VAC 20-40-10
<b>Regulation title</b>	Proposed Regulation on Definitions
<b>Action title</b>	Revise Valid Definition
<b>Final agency action date</b>	8/6/2014
<b>Document preparation date</b>	8/6/2014

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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.*

The State Board of Elections has adopted a new definition of the word “valid” as it applies to voter identification. The State Board of Elections previously defined the term during its June 10, 2014 meeting. The definition created at that time allowed for the acceptance of all expired identification documents that were otherwise acceptable according to the mandates of Virginia Code § 24.2-643. A revised definition was introduced at the June 24, 2014 meet of the agency that would only allow for the acceptance of expired IDs that expired within 30 days of the election. The Board voted to place this definition in Town Hall for public comment. The comment period for this proposed edit lasted from July 7, 2014 to August 4, 2014.

After the conclusion of the comment period the Board met again to consider the edit. A different definition of the term “valid” was proffered and adopted. This definition adopted during the August 6, 2014 meeting

would allow for the acceptance of expired IDs only if they had expired within 12 months of election day.

### Statement of final agency action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

The State Board Elections at its meeting on August 6, 2014, approved the amendments to Chapter 4 of its regulations titled Definitions.

### Family impact

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

None.