

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE BY LAW THAT A VOTER VOTING IN PERSON SHALL PRESENT VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE RECEIVING A BALLOT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISH BY LAW THE TYPES OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION THAT A PERSON MAY PRESENT TO RECEIVE A BALLOT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS ISSUE PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION AT NO CHARGE TO AN ELIGIBLE VOTER WHO DOES NOT HAVE A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO PROVIDE THAT A VOTER UNABLE TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND THAT A PROVISIONAL BALLOT BE COUNTED ONLY IF THE VOTER SUBSEQUENTLY CERTIFIES THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT IN A MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL IMPLEMENT THIS AMENDMENT BY LAW; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY PROVIDE BY LAW FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.

**Subtitle**

AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE THAT A VOTER VOTING IN PERSON SHALL PRESENT VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE



## RECEIVING A BALLOT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. The Arkansas Constitution is amended to add an additional amendment to read as follows:

(a)(1) The General Assembly shall provide by law that a voter voting in person shall present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot.

(2) The General Assembly shall establish by law the types of government-issued photographic identification that a person may present to receive a ballot.

(b) The State of Arkansas shall issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of the law enacted by the General Assembly under this section.

(c)(1) A voter unable to present government-issued photographic identification shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot.

(2) A provisional ballot shall be counted only if the voter subsequently certifies the provisional ballot in a manner provided by law.

(d)(1) The General Assembly shall implement the provisions of this amendment by law.

(2) The General Assembly may provide by law for exceptions to the requirement that valid government-issued photographic identification be presented before receiving a ballot.