

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

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION REQUIRING A VOTER VOTING IN PERSON TO PRESENT VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE RECEIVING A BALLOT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS ISSUE PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION AT NO CHARGE TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS LACKING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.

**Subtitle**

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION  
CONCERNING VOTER IDENTIFICATION WHEN  
CASTING A BALLOT IN PERSON.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY 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 when voting in person shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot.

(2) A provisional ballot under subdivision (c)(1) of this section 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 in person.

(e) A voter meeting the requirements of this section shall also comply with all additional laws regulating elections necessary for his or her vote to be counted.

SECTION 2. BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME. When this proposed amendment is submitted to the electors of this state on the general election ballot:

(1) The title of this joint resolution shall be the ballot title; and

(2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment Requiring a Voter to Present Photographic Identification When Casting a Ballot In Person."