

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

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7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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

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16 **Subtitle**

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

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

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

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

35 (a)(1) The General Assembly shall provide by law that a voter voting
36 in person shall present valid government-issued photographic identification



1 before receiving a ballot.

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

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

9 (c)(1) A voter unable to present government-issued photographic
10 identification when voting in person shall be permitted to vote a provisional
11 ballot.

12 (2) A provisional ballot under subdivision (c)(1) of this
13 section shall be counted only if the voter subsequently certifies the
14 provisional ballot in a manner provided by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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