

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

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9 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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

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18 **Subtitle**

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

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

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

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35 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 3, § 1, is amended to read
36 as follows:



1 § 1. Qualifications of electors.

2 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, any person may
3 vote in an election in this state who is:

- 4 (1) A citizen of the United States;
5 (2) A resident of the State of Arkansas;
6 (3) At least eighteen (18) years of age; and
7 (4) Lawfully registered to vote in the election.

8 (b)(1) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a) of this
9 section, the General Assembly shall provide by law that a voter voting in
10 person shall present valid government-issued photographic identification
11 before receiving a ballot.

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

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

19 (d)(1) A voter unable to present government-issued photographic
20 identification when voting in person shall be permitted to vote a provisional
21 ballot.

22 (2) A provisional ballot under subdivision (d)(1) of this
23 section shall be counted only if the voter subsequently certifies the
24 provisional ballot in a manner provided by law.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (2) The popular name shall be "A Constitutional Amendment Adding
4 as a Qualification to Vote that a Voter Present Valid Government-Issued
5 Photographic Identification When Casting a Ballot In Person."

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