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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2738

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections

03/13/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, section 1;  
1.3 requiring voters to present photographic identification; providing photographic  
1.4 identification to voters at no charge; requiring substantially equivalent  
1.5 verification standards for all voters; allowing provisional balloting for voters  
1.6 unable to present photographic identification.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.9 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the  
1.10 amendment is adopted, article VII, section 1, will read:

1.11 Section 1. (a) Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the  
1.12 United States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next  
1.13 preceding an election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. The place of voting by one  
1.14 otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election  
1.15 shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to  
1.16 vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person  
1.17 who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person  
1.18 under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent. All voters  
1.19 must be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a  
1.20 ballot being cast or counted.

1.21 (b) A voter in a polling place on election day must present valid government-issued  
1.22 photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state must issue photographic  
1.23 identification at no charge to an eligible voter. A voter unable to present government-issued  
1.24 photographic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional

2.1 ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner  
2.2 provided by law.

2.3 **Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

2.4 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2012 general  
2.5 election. If approved, the amendment is effective for elections conducted on or after June  
2.6 30, 2013. The question submitted must be:

2.7 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present  
2.8 valid photo identification on election day and that the state provide free identification  
2.9 to eligible voters?

2.10 Yes .....

2.11 No ..... "

2.12 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for  
2.13 the question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be: "Photo Identification  
2.14 Required for Voting."