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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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
- 03/14/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
- 03/19/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass and Read Second Time
- 03/20/2012 Fiscal Calendar
Read Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

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

1.20 (b) A voter in a polling place on election day must present valid government-issued
1.21 photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state must issue photographic
1.22 identification at no charge to an eligible voter. A voter unable to present government-issued
1.23 photographic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional
1.24 ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner
1.25 provided by law.

