SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 1577

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A bill for an act
proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, section 1;
requiring voters to present photographic identification; providing photographic identification to voters at no charge; requiring substantially equivalent verification standards for all voters.

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

Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

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

Section 1. (a) Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an election; who, at the time of voting in person, shall present government-issued photographic identification as prescribed by law, or who, when not voting in person, shall provide government-issued proof of identity as prescribed by law; shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. The state must make photographic identification available to eligible individuals at no charge as prescribed by law. The place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent. All voters must be subject to substantially equivalent state eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted.

(b) A voter who is unable to present government-issued photographic identification when voting in person must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot as prescribed

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2.1	by law. Absentee ballots shall be counted if governmen	t-issued photo identification or
2.2	government-issued proof of identity is presented or prov	vided as prescribed by law.
2.3	Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.	
2.4	The proposed amendment must be submitted to the	ne people at the 2012 general
2.5	election. If approved, the amendment is effective for ele	ections on or after June 30, 2013
2.6	The question submitted must be:	
2.7	"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended ef	fective June 30, 2013, to
2.8	require that all in-person voters present an approved fo	rm of government-issued
2.9	photographic identification at the time of voting; that the	ose not voting in person provide
2.10	government-issued proof of identity; that all voters be s	ubject to substantially equivalen
2.11	eligibility verification before a ballot is cast or counted;	and that the state provide at no
2.12	charge an approved photographic identification to eligib	ole individuals?
2.13		<u>Yes</u>
2.14		<u>No"</u>

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