

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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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 equal verification standards for  
all voters.

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

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

Section 1. 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 presents valid photographic identification as prescribed by law; and whose  
eligibility to vote has been established under this section shall be entitled to vote in that  
precinct. All voters must be subject to identical standards of eligibility verification before  
voting and the state must make photographic identification available to eligible voters at  
no cost to them. 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.

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

2.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2012 general  
2.2 election. The question submitted must be:

2.3 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require that all voters present an  
2.4 approved form of photographic identification prior to voting; all voters be subject to  
2.5 identical eligibility verification standards regardless of the time of their registration; and  
2.6 the state provide at no charge an approved photographic identification to eligible voters?

2.7 Yes .....

2.8 No ....."