

HJR 35 -- Elections

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment requires a person to provide a form of photographic personal identification to election officials in order to verify United States citizenship prior to voting in a public election. In its main provisions, the amendment:

(1) Requires the use of a valid driver's license; nondriver's license; other specified documents with photographic identification issued by the state or the United States; or photographic identification issued by the Missouri National Guard, the United States armed forces, or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a voter's qualification to vote;

(2) Allows individuals who lack photographic identification to vote by a provisional ballot that will be counted if proper identification is later provided during voting hours;

(3) Allows individuals who cannot obtain photographic identification because of a physical or mental disability or handicap or religious objection and those who were born on or before January 1, 1941, to vote by provisional ballot upon executing an affidavit affirming the reason;

(4) Requires the state to provide at least one photographic form of identification at no cost and to pay all costs for a nondriver's license for anyone desiring one to vote who affirms by affidavit that they do not have another type of photographic identification sufficient for voting. The Department of Revenue must annually provide by January 1 to each member of the General Assembly a report on the number of nondriver's licenses issued or denied;

(5) Requires the Secretary of State to publish and broadcast these new voting requirements using a variety of specified media; and

(6) Requires each election authority to post a clear and conspicuous notice at each polling place of the new requirements.