



The Voter ID Constitutional Amendment

Article VII, Section 1 of the Minnesota Constitution establishes the qualifications for exercising the right to vote, but Minnesota statutes contain no mechanism to verify that a voter meets those qualifications. The amendment will simply enable that common sense verification and ensure equal treatment of all voters. The amendment will:

- Require voters to present state-issued photographic identification before voting
- Ensure that all voters whether they register more than 20 days before an election, or on election day, are verified by equal standards
- Require the state to make photographic identification available at no charge to the voter

What are the benefits of Voter ID?

- **Increased Voter Confidence in Our Elections:** Poll after poll shows that a super-majority (over 80%) of Minnesotans want a photo ID requirement to vote, showing an overwhelming lack of confidence in the system. Voter ID will restore that essential voter confidence.
- **Increased Voter Participation:** It's been proven in other states that requiring free, state-issued photo ID doesn't present a barrier to voting. In fact, every state that's implemented a voter ID requirement has enjoyed an increase in voter turnout. Voters are more likely to participate in a system they have faith in.
- **Prevent Voter Fraud:** Voter fraud is generally only detected after the fact, if at all. It's far better to prevent fraudulent voting than to track it down after the votes have already been counted.
- **Empower Disadvantaged Voters:** People who may be having a hard time getting along in society because of a lack of identification will be provided one at no charge.

Will Eligible Voters be Unable to Vote Because of Voter ID?

Absolutely not. In a lawsuit against voter ID brought by the League of Women Voters, a federal judge found that the plaintiffs' failure, despite their efforts, to uncover anyone "who can attest to the fact that he/she will be prevented from voting provides significant support for the conclusion that the **Photo ID requirement does not unduly burden the right to vote.**"

What can I do to help pass 21st Century Voter ID in Minnesota?

- Call your State Legislators and urge their support for the Voter ID bill. You can contact your State Representative at 651.296.2146 and your State Senator at 651.296.0504. You can also send an email message to your state lawmakers by visiting WeWantVoterID.com.
- Submit a letter to the editor of your local paper making the case for voter ID. You can find contact information for news outlets at WeWantVoterID.com.



For more information, including how YOU can make Voter ID a reality in Minnesota, visit:

www.WeWantVoterID.com