



General Assembly

**Amendment**

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 8706



Offered by:  
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To: House Joint Resolution No. 1      File No. 288      Cal. No. 506

**"RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the  
4      Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the  
5      manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes,  
6      become a part thereof:

7      Section 4 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as  
8      follows:

9      Sec. 4. Laws shall be made to support the privilege of free suffrage by  
10     electors who present state-issued photographic identification prior to  
11     voting, prescribing the manner of regulating and conducting meetings  
12     of [the] such electors, and prohibiting, under adequate penalties, all  
13     undue influence therein, from power, bribery, tumult and other  
14     improper conduct.

15 Article first of the Constitution is amended by adding section 21 as  
16 follows:

17 Sec. 21. Every citizen shall be entitled to state-issued photographic  
18 identification acceptable for voting purposes, which shall be free of  
19 charge if such citizen does not possess a state-issued motor vehicle  
20 operator's license or state-issued identification card and cannot afford  
21 such photographic identification.

22 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
23 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
24 elected at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and  
25 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
26 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024,  
27 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments  
28 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be  
29 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the  
30 State be amended to provide state-issued photographic identification  
31 for each citizen of the state and to require the presentation of such  
32 photographic identification before voting in person or by absentee  
33 ballot?""