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SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE H.F. No. 2738

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03/21/2012	4657	Received from House
	4658	Introduction and first reading
03/22/2012	4777a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	4796	Second reading

Franson, McDonald, Dettmer, Vogel, Woodard, Stensrud, Anderson, P., Crawford, Barrett, Kieffer, Erickson,
Scott, Quam, Downey, Drazowski, Lemkau, Garofalo and Runbeck)

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

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

1.7 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

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

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

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

2.1 by law. Absentee ballots shall be counted if government-issued photo identification or
2.2 government-issued proof of identity is presented or provided as prescribed by law.

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

2.4 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2012 general
2.5 election. If approved, the amendment is effective for elections on or after December
2.6 1, 2013. The question submitted must be:

2.7 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended effective December 1, 2013,
2.8 to require that all in-person voters present an approved form of government-issued
2.9 photographic identification at the time of voting; that those not voting in person provide
2.10 government-issued proof of identity; that all voters be subject to substantially equivalent
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 eligible individuals?

2.13 Yes

2.14 No"