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SENATE BILL DRS35405-TCy-65

Short Title: Const. Am./Require Photo ID For All Voters. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Daniel, and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ALL
3 VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT
4 JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Section 2(4) of Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina reads
7 as rewritten:

8 "(4) Photo identification for ~~voting in person.~~ voting. Voters ~~offering to vote in person~~
9 shall present photographic identification before voting. The General Assembly shall enact
10 general laws governing the requirements of such photographic identification, which may include
11 exceptions."

12 SECTION 2. Section 3 of Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as
13 rewritten:

14 "**Sec. 3. Registration; ~~Voting in Person.~~ Voting.**

15 ...

16 (2) Voters ~~offering to vote in person~~ shall present photographic identification before
17 voting. The General Assembly shall enact general laws governing the requirements of such
18 photographic identification, which may include exceptions."

19 SECTION 3. The amendment set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be submitted
20 to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 3,
21 2026, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. The
22 question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

23 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

24 Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in
25 person, to present photo identification before voting."

26 SECTION 4. The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the referendum
27 conducted under Section 3 of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of
28 the amendment set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the Secretary of State shall enroll the
29 amendment among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question
30 are against the amendment set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the amendment shall have no
31 effect.

32 SECTION 5. If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section 4
33 of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set
34 out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the amendment set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act is effective
35 upon certification.



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1 **SECTION 6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
2 law.