



SENATE BILL 921: Const. Am./Require Photo ID For All Voters.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 921 would place a proposed amendment to the North Carolina Constitution revising the language regarding the requirement to present photo identification prior to voting on the November 3, 2026, ballot.*

CURRENT LAW: Sections 2 and 3 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution require that any voter offering to vote in person must present photo identification before voting. The General Assembly must enact laws establishing the requirements of such photo identification and any exceptions for this requirement. G.S. 163-166.16 establishes the requirements for photo identification when offering to vote in person, including the types of acceptable photo identification. The exceptions to presenting photo identification enacted to date by the General Assembly are religious objections, reasonable impediments, and natural disasters. G.S. 163-230.1 also requires a voter casting an absentee ballot to submit a copy of their photo identification, or an affidavit of an exception, with the returned application and voted ballot.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would submit to the voters the question of whether to amend the North Carolina Constitution to require photo identification for all voters, regardless of method of voting. The ballot question would be considered at the statewide general election to be held on November 3, 2026, and the ballot question would read:

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: If approved by the voters in the November 2026 election, the amendment to the North Carolina Constitution will become effective upon certification of the results of the referendum.

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