

# A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require identification to vote.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposal to enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows:

## ARTICLE V

Section 5. (A) Electors shall provide photo identification in order to vote in person at a polling place or other voting location designated by law, in accordance with laws passed by the general assembly, except that the laws may provide an alternative method of verifying the identity of an elector who does not have photo identification because the elector has a sincere religious objection to being photographed.

(B) At a minimum, and in accordance with laws passed by the general assembly, electors shall provide photo identification or, if authorized by law, a signature and at least one other unique identifier in order to vote by any other method authorized by law.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Photo identification" means one of the following documents that is issued by an agency of this state or the United States, includes the elector's name and photograph, and is not expired:

(a) A driver's license or state identification card issued by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles or its successor agency or a temporary document issued by that agency to an applicant for a driver's license or state identification card that contains all of the information otherwise found on the license or card and that the applicant may use as a form of identification while waiting to receive the license or card;

(b) A United States passport or passport card;

(c) A United States military identification card, an Ohio national guard identification card, or an identification card issued by the United States department of veterans affairs or its successor agency.

(2) "Other unique identifier" means one of the following that is authorized by the general assembly by law for voting purposes:

(a) A unique numeric or alphanumeric descriptor assigned to the elector by an agency of this state or the United States;

(b) A truncated version of a descriptor described in division (C)(2)(a) of this section.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect immediately.

  
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Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ of the House of Representatives.

  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate.

Adopted June 10, 2026

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*Introduced by*

Senators Timken, Gavarone

Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Brenner, Cirino, Johnson,  
Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds,  
Romanchuk, Schaffer, Wilkin, Wilson  
Representatives Bird, Abrams, Claggett, Click, Craig,  
Creech, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Dovilla, Fowler  
Arthur, Hall, T., Holmes, John, Johnson, Lampton,  
Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, K., Miller, M.,  
Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel,  
Roemer, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Stewart, Thomas, D.,  
Willis

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*Passed by the Senate,*

June 3, 2026

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*Passed by the House of Representatives,*

June 10, 2026

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*Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at  
Columbus, Ohio, on the*

11<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 2026

  
Secretary of State.