



General Assembly

**Amendment**

*January Session, 2021*

LCO No. **8258**



Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Joint Resolution  
No. 58

File No. 96

Cal. No. 103

**"RESOLUTION PROPOSING 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 Article first of the Constitution is amended by adding section 21 as  
8 follows:

9 Sec. 21. Every citizen shall be entitled, free of charge, to photographic  
10 identification issued by the government of the state.

11 Section 4 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13       Sec. 4.<sup>1</sup> Laws shall be made to support the privilege of free suffrage  
14 by electors who present photographic identification when voting,  
15 prescribing the manner of regulating and conducting meetings of [the]  
16 such electors, and prohibiting, under adequate penalties, all undue  
17 influence therein, from power, bribery, tumult and other improper  
18 conduct.

19       RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the  
20 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly  
21 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and  
22 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented  
23 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022,  
24 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments  
25 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be  
26 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the  
27 State be amended to (1) provide each citizen, free of charge, with  
28 photographic identification, and (2) require that electors present such  
29 photographic identification when voting?""