



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 6559



Offered by:
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To: Senate Joint Resolution No. 29 File No. 259 Cal. No. 184

**"RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION 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 Section 4 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 Sec. 4. Laws shall be made to support the privilege of free suffrage by
10 electors who present state-issued photographic identification prior to
11 voting, prescribing the manner of regulating and conducting meetings
12 of [the] such electors, and prohibiting, under adequate penalties, all
13 undue influence therein, from power, bribery, tumult and other
14 improper conduct.

15 Article first of the Constitution is amended by adding section 21 as
16 follows:

17 Sec. 21. Every citizen shall be entitled to state-issued photographic
18 identification acceptable for voting purposes, which shall be free of
19 charge if such citizen does not possess a state-issued motor vehicle
20 operator's license or state-issued identification card and cannot afford
21 such photographic identification.

22 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
23 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
24 elected at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and
25 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
26 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024,
27 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
28 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
29 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
30 State be amended to provide state-issued photographic identification
31 for each citizen of the state and to require the presentation of such
32 photographic identification before voting in person or by absentee
33 ballot?""