

## Quick Facts on Voter Photo ID

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- **Voter photo ID is unnecessary**
  - Minnesota has had no cases of voter impersonation that a government-issued photo ID would prevent.
- **Voter photo ID eliminates vouching as an option for voters**
  - Many residents of residential facilities or shelters rely on vouching as a means to register to vote. This law would instead require these eligible voters to show a current, valid photo ID, likely with a current address which is impractical or impossible for many.
- **More than 700,000 eligible Minnesota voters could be affected by a voter photo ID amendment.**
  - 215,000 voters lack an ID, or have one that hasn't been updated to their voting address
  - 500,000 voters who used Election Day Registration in 2008
  - Among certain groups, a higher percentage of people are without a valid ID. This includes the elderly, disabled, younger adults, minorities and people who are highly mobile.
- **Many forms of ID may not work for voting. Last year's vetoed voter ID bill eliminated the following identification options for pre-registered voters:**
  - Vouching
  - Student IDs
  - Non-conforming tribal IDs
  - Birth certificates
  - Passports
  - Military ID
  - Out-of-state ID
  - Utility bills
- **The voter photo ID amendment contains technical language that could eliminate Election Day Registration**
  - EDR is used by a large number of voters, including legislators themselves. On average, 16% of all voters utilize EDR in any given presidential or mid-term election
- **Absentee voters may have to present a photo ID with their ballot in order for it to count**

**Please write your Representative and Senator a note indicating your opposition to the voter photo ID constitutional amendment**

Here are some guidelines:

- Be sure to mention you are a constituent in the district
- State your opposition to voter photo ID amendment and list a few reasons why
- Ask him or her to vote 'no'
- Sign your name and address

Sample note:

Dear Senator Jones,

I'm a constituent in your district and have deep concerns about the voter photo ID amendment. I oppose this amendment because it will make it harder for seniors, students and people with disabilities to vote. Please vote 'NO' on this amendment.

Sincerely,

John Jenkins  
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Minneapolis