

**As Introduced**

**136th General Assembly  
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**H. J. R. No. 9**

**Representatives Workman, Bird**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to enact Section 5 of Article V of the 1  
Constitution of the State of Ohio to require 2  
identification to vote. 3

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 4  
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 5  
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 6  
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 7  
election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposal to enact 8  
Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 9  
to read as follows: 10

**ARTICLE V** 11

Section 5. (A) (1) Electors shall provide identification in 12  
order to vote, in accordance with laws passed by the general 13  
assembly. The laws shall include a requirement that an elector 14  
show the elector's photo identification when voting in person at 15  
a polling place or other voting location designated by law, 16  
except as otherwise provided in divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this 17  
section. 18

(2) The laws shall provide an alternative method of 19

verifying the identity of an elector who does not have photo 20  
identification because the elector has a sincere religious 21  
objection to being photographed. 22

(3) The laws shall permit an elector who does not show 23  
photo identification at the time of voting in person to cast a 24  
provisional ballot and provide photo identification to the 25  
election officials by a deadline specified by law in order for 26  
the provisional ballot to be eligible to be counted. 27

(B) For purposes of division (A) of this section, "photo 28  
identification" means one of the following documents that is 29  
issued by an agency of this state or the United States, includes 30  
the elector's name and photograph, and is not expired: 31

(1) A driver's license or state identification card issued 32  
by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles or its successor agency; 33

(2) A United States passport or passport card; 34

(3) A United States military identification card, an Ohio 35  
national guard identification card, or an identification card 36  
issued by the United States department of veterans affairs or 37  
its successor agency; 38

(4) Another document authorized by the general assembly by 39  
law for use as photo identification for voting purposes. 40

(C) Nothing in this section requires the general assembly 41  
to pass laws allowing electors to vote in any location or manner 42  
other than in person at a polling place on the day of an 43  
election. 44

EFFECTIVE DATE 45

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 46  
proposal, Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the 47

State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect  
immediately.

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