



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0007

Introduced 2/13/2025, by Sen. Andrew S. Chesney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. III, Sec. 1
ILCON Art. III, Sec. 9 new
ILCON Art. III, Sec. 10 new

Proposes to amend the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that every United States citizen who has attained the age of 18 or any other voting age required by the United States for voting (currently voting in State elections) and who has been a permanent resident of this State for at least 30 days next preceding any election shall have the right to vote at such election. Provides that each voter shall present photo identification to verify the voter's identity when voting in person at a polling place during early voting or on election day before being provided a ballot. Provides that each voter who votes by mail-in ballot shall enter specified information in the block provided next to the voter's signature for election officials to use in verifying the voter's identity. Specifies valid forms of identification.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be
6 submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or
7 rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6
8 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to
9 amend Section 7 of Article III of the Illinois Constitution as
10 follows:

11 ARTICLE III
12 SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

13 (ILCON Art. III, Sec. 1)

14 SECTION 1. VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

15 Every United States citizen who has attained the age of 18
16 or any other voting age required by the United States for
17 voting ~~in State elections~~ and who has been a permanent
18 resident of this State for at least 30 days next preceding any
19 election shall have the right to vote at such election. The
20 General Assembly by law may establish registration
21 requirements and require permanent residence in an election
22 district not to exceed thirty days prior to an election. The
23 General Assembly by law may establish shorter residence

1 requirements for voting for President and Vice-President of
2 the United States.

3 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 8,
4 1988.)

5 (ILCON Art. III, Sec. 9 new)

6 SECTION 9. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

7 Each voter shall present photo identification to verify
8 the voter's identity when voting in person at a polling place
9 during early voting or on election day before being provided a
10 ballot. To be considered valid, the photo identification shall
11 be current or expired for no more than four years. Acceptable
12 forms of identification include:

13 (1) Illinois driver's license.

14 (2) Identification card issued by the State of
15 Illinois, any other State, or the United States
16 Government.

17 (3) Employee photo identification card issued by the
18 United States government, Illinois government, or any
19 Illinois county, municipality, board, authority, or other
20 government entity.

21 (4) United States passport.

22 (5) United States military identification card.

23 (6) Student photo identification card issued by a
24 public institution of higher education.

25 (7) Tribal photo identification card.

1 (8) Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

2 (9) Other form of government-issued photo
3 identification that the General Assembly may approve.

4 (ILCON Art. III, Sec. 10 new)

5 SECTION 10. VOTER VERIFICATION

6 Each voter who votes by mail-in ballot shall enter one of
7 the following in the block provided next to the voter's
8 signature for election officials to use in verifying the
9 voter's identity:

10 (1) The last four digits of the voter's Illinois
11 driver's license number or Illinois identification card
12 number.

13 (2) If the voter does not possess an Illinois driver's
14 license or an Illinois identification card, the last four
15 digits of the voter's Social Security number.

16 (3) If the voter has neither an Illinois driver's
17 license, an Illinois identification card, or a Social
18 Security number, the number provided by the county clerk
19 or Board of Election Commissioners when the voter
20 registered to vote.

21 SCHEDULE

22 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
23 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
24 Constitutional Amendment Act.