

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15—SENATORS GUSTAVSON,  
GOICOECHEA; HARDY AND SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to  
require proof of identity to vote in person.  
(BDR C-850)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada  
Constitution to require proof of identity to vote in person.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 This resolution requires a registered voter who wishes to vote in person to  
2 present photographic proof of identity to the applicable election board officer.  
3 Acceptable forms of proof of identity are: (1) certain government-issued documents  
4 or identity cards that show a recognizable photograph of the person to whom the  
5 document or card was issued; (2) a voter identification card; or (3) certain  
6 documentation from an administrator of certain licensed health care facilities. The  
7 resolution requires the Legislature to direct by law one or more governmental  
8 entities to issue, at no cost, voter identification cards to registered voters who do  
9 not possess other types of proof of identity. This resolution also requires such a  
10 voter identification to include the name, address, date of birth, photograph and  
11 signature of the person to whom the card is issued.

1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That a new section, designated Section 11, be  
3 added to Article 2 of the Nevada Constitution to read as follows:

4 *Sec. 11. 1. A registered voter who wishes to vote in*  
5 *person must present his or her proof of identity to the*  
6 *applicable election board officer.*



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2. The Legislature shall direct by law one or more governmental entities to issue at no charge a voter identification card to a person who:

(a) Is registered to vote in this State; and

(b) Does not possess proof of identity as described in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 4.

3. A voter identification card issued to a person pursuant to subsection 2:

(a) Must include, without limitation, the name, address, date of birth, photograph and signature of the person; and

(b) Is valid as long as the person is registered to vote and resides at the address stated on the voter identification card.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Governmental entity" means:

(1) An elected or appointed officer of this State or of a political subdivision of this State; or

(2) An institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department, division, authority or other unit of government of this State, including, without limitation, an agency of the Executive Department of the State Government, or of a political subdivision of this State.

(b) "Proof of identity" means:

(1) A document or identity card that:

(I) Is issued by a governmental entity, the United States or a federally recognized Indian tribe;

(II) Shows a recognizable photograph of the person to whom the document or identity card is issued;

(III) Shows the name and signature of the person to whom the document or identity card is issued; and

(IV) Bears an expiration date that is not earlier than 4 years before the date of the election for which the document or identity card is offered as proof of identity;

(2) A voter identification card issued pursuant to subsection 2; or

(3) A document provided by the administrator of a licensed medical facility or licensed facility for the dependent, as those terms are defined by statute, to a resident of the facility attesting to the person's identity and that he or she is a resident of the facility.

