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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution requiring voters to present photographic identification and establish eligibility to vote prior to casting a ballot. The amendment would also require the state to issue free identification to eligible voters.

1 **Constitutional amendment proposed.** Proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to require that, to be eligible to vote in a precinct, a voter must present valid photographic identification and have the voter's eligibility to vote established.

Acceptable forms of photographic identification would be required to be established by law. The amendment would require the state to issue free identification to eligible voters, and also requires that all voters be subject to identical standards for eligibility verification prior to voting.

2 **Submission to voters.** Provides the form of the question to appear on the ballot at the 2012 state general election.