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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution requiring all voters be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted.
The constitutional amendment also requires that persons voting in person present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state would be required to provide photographic identification at no charge to eligible voters who do not have identification meeting these requirements. A voter unable to present government-issued photographic identification would be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. The process for certification and counting of a provisional ballot would be enacted by law at a later date.

1 **Constitutional amendment proposed.** Contains the substantive text of the amendment proposed to the Minnesota Constitution, as summarized above.

2 **Submission to voters.** Requires the constitutional amendment contained in the bill to be submitted to voters at the 2012 general election. If adopted, the amendment would be effective July 1, 2013, for elections conducted on or after November 5, 2013 (this is the general election date for some local units of government in 2013). The wording of the ballot question is provided in paragraph (a). The ballot question title is provided in paragraph (b).