

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OHIO CONSTITUTION



I, Frank LaRose, certify that printed within is the full text, ballot language, explanation, and arguments that were certified by the Ohio Ballot Board, or filed with the Secretary of State as prescribed by law, for the constitutional amendment submitted to the electors by the general assembly under Section 1 of Article XVI of the Ohio Constitution.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I have subscribed my name in Columbus, Ohio, this 3rd day of August, 2026.

In addition to certifying the following State Issue for the General Election occurring November 3, 2026, R.C. 3505.062(G) and Ohio Constitution Article XVI, Section 1 require me, as the Ohio Secretary of State, to contract for the publication of this information once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county in the state.

Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

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BALLOT LANGUAGE: ISSUE 3

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

TO REQUIRE VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IN ORDER TO VOTE

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is required for the adoption of Section 5.

This proposed amendment would:

- Require voters to present an approved form of government-issued photo identification in order to vote.
- Allow state law to provide for an alternative method of verifying a voter's identity for a voter who has a sincere religious objection to being photographed and, therefore, does not possess an approved form of government-issued photo identification.
- Require that voters who do not vote in person provide an approved form of government-issued photo identification, unless the law authorizes those persons to vote by providing a signature and at least one other specified unique identifier.
- Define approved forms of government-issued photo identification as an unexpired Ohio driver license or state identification card; a United States passport or passport card; or a United States military identification card, Ohio National Guard identification card, or United States Department of Veterans Affairs identification card.

If approved, the amendment shall take effect immediately.

A "YES" vote means approval of the amendment.

A "NO" vote means disapproval of the amendment.

	YES	SHALL THE AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?
	NO	

EXPLANATION: ISSUE 3

Explanation of Issue 3

Issue 3 asks Ohio voters to consider an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio that was proposed by a three-fifths supermajority of the Ohio General Assembly. If approved, the proposed amendment would require Ohio voters to present a government-issued photo identification in order to vote.

To vote in person, voters would be required to present one of the specific types of government-issued photo identification listed. In-person voters who do not possess photo identification because of a sincere religious objection to being photographed would be permitted to provide an alternative verification of their identity, as provided by Ohio law.

To vote by another method under Ohio law, such as absentee voting by mail, voters would be required to do one of the following: (1) provide specific types of government-issued photo identification, or (2) if authorized by Ohio law, present a signature and at least one other unique identifier authorized for voting purposes.

ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT: ISSUE 3Argument in Support of Issue 3

Vote YES on Issue 3*Protect Our Elections, Fight Voter Fraud*

A **YES** vote on Issue 3 protects Ohio's elections by placing photo ID requirements for voters into Ohio's Constitution, safeguarding Ohio's voters from imposters seeking to steal their vote. Requiring a photo ID helps verify a voter's identity and ensures that only legal votes are counted.

This commonsense requirement will protect Ohio's elections and is the standard to obtain a job, rent an apartment, board a plane, or drive a car.

- **Fighting Fraud:** Photo ID checks are a commonsense method to verify identity and detect fraudsters, keeping them from violating a voter's most-fundamental right—the right to vote.
- **Faith in Fair Elections:** Issue 3 not only helps prevent fraud, but also improves people's faith and confidence in our elections by adding broadly supported requirements to our Constitution. Requiring photo ID to vote is backed by a landslide of voters nationally and in Ohio, repeatedly polling with over 80% support.
- **Safeguarding the Future:** States without constitutional voter photo ID requirements have recently repealed photo ID laws. Election laws should not change dramatically every few years based on shifting political majorities, and a constitutional protection provides stability, reliability, and trust in the system.
- **Commonsense Compliance:** Issue 3 will not burden Ohio's voters because photo ID is currently in state law and free state ID cards are available to voting-age residents. Issue 3 also continues to provide alternative methods of compliance to voters who have sincere religious objections.

Photo ID is a proven method to protect Ohio's elections and improve voter confidence. If you can show an ID to drive a car, you can show an ID to decide the future of our state and our country.

**Protect Our Elections, Fight Fraud,
Vote YES on Issue 3.**

*Prepared by: Representative Adam Bird,
Representative Heidi Workman, Senator Theresa
Gavarone, and Senator Jane Timken*

ARGUMENT AGAINST: ISSUE 3Argument Against Issue 3

Vote **NO** on Issue 3 - A Blatant Political Attack
on Your Right to Vote

Unneeded and Unpopular

Issue 3 seeks to scare Ohioans into not trusting our election system to boost weak political candidates. Photo Identification is already the law and this amendment locks in voter burden with no voter protections. Groups from across the political spectrum from gun rights groups, labor unions, and Ohioans across the state opposed Issue 3 for failing to provide any concrete benefit.

Vote No because Issue 3 tries to address an issue that does not exist. Voter impersonation is essentially nonexistent! Ohio's elections are safe and secure.

Fails to Protect Your Right to Vote

Issue 3 fails to provide any safety measures for our elections while leaving many of our voting rights, such as the right to vote early and the right to free voter IDs, open to attacks by extremists.

Issue 3 leaves any form of voting other than in-person open to being revoked or restricted in the future.

Vote No because Issue 3 provides no protection for your ability to vote absentee, including for servicemembers overseas, students, working parents, and seniors.

Bans Innovation

Constitutional amendments remove flexibility exactly where flexibility is needed. Issue 3 blocks county issued veterans IDs and digital military IDs currently in use.

Today in Ohio you can use your digital wallet to fly but not to vote. This amendment locks out future technology that will be both more secure and more available.

Vote No because Issue 3 is nothing more than a partisan power grab by out-of-state elites who want to rig Ohio's elections.

Vote **NO** on Issue 3

*Vote "No" argument prepared by Senator Bill
DeMora and Representatives Desiree Tims and
Terrence Upchurch.*

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT: ISSUE 3

(136th General Assembly)
(Substitute Senate Joint Resolution Number 10)

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

ARTICLE V

Section 5. (A) Electors shall provide photo identification in order to vote in person at a polling place or other voting location designated by law, in accordance with laws passed by the general assembly, except that the laws may provide an alternative method of verifying the identity of an elector who does not have photo identification because the elector has a sincere religious objection to being photographed.

(B) At a minimum, and in accordance with laws passed by the general assembly, electors shall provide photo identification or, if authorized by law, a signature and at least one other unique identifier in order to vote by any other method authorized by law.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Photo identification" means one of the following documents that is issued by an agency of this state or the United States, includes the elector's name and photograph, and is not expired:

(a) A driver's license or state identification card issued by the Ohio bureau of motor vehicles or its successor agency or a temporary document issued by that agency to an applicant for a driver's license or state identification card that contains all of the information otherwise found on the license or card and that the applicant may use as a form of identification while waiting to receive the license or card;

(b) A United States passport or passport card;

(c) A United States military identification card, an Ohio national guard identification card, or an identification card issued by the United States department of veterans affairs or its successor agency.

(2) "Other unique identifier" means one of the following that is authorized by the general assembly by law for voting purposes:

(a) A unique numeric or alphanumeric descriptor assigned to the elector by an agency of this state or the United States;

(b) A truncated version of a descriptor described in division (C)(2)(a) of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect immediately.