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## §• PETITION FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE • TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION

TO THE HONORABLE DELBERT HOSEMANN, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

We, the undersigned citizens and qualified electors of the State of Mississippi, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as **Initiative Measure No. 27**, entitled Should the Mississippi Constitution be amended to require a person to submit government issued photo identification in order to vote?, a full, true and correct copy of which is printed or attached to this petition, be transmitted to the Legislature of the State of Mississippi at its next ensuing regular session, and we respectfully petition the Legislature to adopt the proposed measure; and each of us for himself or herself says: *"I have personally signed this petition, I am a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi in the city (or town), county, and congressional district written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated and I have knowingly signed this petition only once."*

**Ballot Summary**

Initiative #27 would amend the Mississippi Constitution to require voters to submit a government issued photo identification before being allowed to vote; provides that any voter lacking government issued photo identification may obtain photo identification without charge from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety; and exempts certain residents of state-licensed care facilities and religious objectors from being required to show photo identification in order to vote.

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I hereby certify that I am a resident of the State of Mississippi during the time at which this petition is being circulated.

Signature of Circulator: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Voter Identification Initiative**

- (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2), A qualified elector who votes in a primary or general election, either in person at the polls or in person in the office of the circuit clerk, shall present a government issued photo identification before being allowed to vote.  
(b) A qualified elector who does not have a government issued photo identification and who cannot afford such identification may obtain a state issued photo identification free of charge from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. The elector must show appropriate identifying documents required by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety as provided by law.
- (2) (a) An elector living and voting in a state-licensed care facility shall not be required to show a government issued photo identification before being allowed to vote.  
(b) An elector who has a religious objection to being photographed will be allowed to cast an affidavit ballot, and the elector, within five days after the election, shall execute an affidavit in the appropriate circuit clerk's office affirming that the exemption applies.  
(c) An elector who has a government issued photo identification, but is unable to present that identification when voting, shall file an affidavit ballot, and the elector, within five days after the election, shall present the government issued photo identification to the appropriate circuit clerk.
- (3) This provision shall not be construed to require photo identification to register to vote. This provision only requires government issued photo identification for casting a ballot.
- (4) The Legislature shall enact legislation to implement the provisions of this section of the constitution.

Depending on the level of participation, these free photo identifications could cost the State of Mississippi up to \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) to be paid from the State General Fund. This would be a reduction of the same amount of revenue to the State of Mississippi as these photo identification cards presently are charged for and collected by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

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