A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning
Elections – In–Person Voting – Proof of Identity

FOR the purpose of requiring individuals seeking to vote in person at a polling place or early voting center to prove the individual’s identity by presenting certain identification to an election judge; and providing that individuals who do not prove the individual’s identity as required must be issued and may cast a provisional ballot.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution

Article I – Elective Franchise
Section 2B

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

Article I – Elective Franchise

2B.

(A) EACH INDIVIDUAL SEEKING TO VOTE IN PERSON AT A POLLING PLACE OR EARLY VOTING CENTER SHALL PROVE THE INDIVIDUAL’S IDENTITY BY PRESENTING TO AN ELECTION JUDGE:

(1) A VALID GOVERNMENT–ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; OR

(2) A VALID NONGOVERNMENT–ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AND A CURRENT UTILITY BILL, BANK STATEMENT, PAYCHECK, GOVERNMENT CHECK OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT THAT STATES THE VOTER’S NAME AND ADDRESS.
(B) AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING TO VOTE IN PERSON AT A POLLING PLACE OR EARLY VOTING CENTER WHO DOES NOT PROVE THE INDIVIDUAL’S IDENTITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED AND MAY CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2022 for adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and on each ballot there shall be printed the words “For the Constitutional Amendment” and “Against the Constitutional Amendment”, as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.