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**CALLING ON WISCONSIN TO ALLOW OUT-OF-STATE REAL IDS TO BE ACCEPTABLE
FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION**

Article III, Section 1m of the Wisconsin Constitution requires each qualified elector to present a “valid photographic identification issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state,” subject to exceptions established by the Legislature.

2025 Senate Bill 362, currently pending in the Wisconsin Legislature, would expand the list of acceptable forms of voter identification to include an operator’s license or identification card issued by any state that satisfies the requirements of P.L. 109-13, Section 202. If 2025 SB 362 becomes law, a federally compliant REAL ID would be sufficient for voting in Wisconsin.

A REAL ID is already accepted for numerous official purposes, including boarding commercial aircraft and entering secure federal facilities such as military bases. Allowing out-of-state REAL IDs for voter identification would remove unnecessary barriers to the ballot for eligible voters, particularly students, new residents, and others who move between states.

Other states, including Alabama, California, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Minnesota, Michigan, North Carolina, and New Hampshire, accept a driver’s license or non-driver ID issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory as valid forms of voter identification. In North Carolina, for example, an out-of-state ID is accepted if the voter has registered within 90 days of the election. These practices demonstrate that Wisconsin would not be alone in broadening the list of acceptable voter IDs to include federally compliant REAL IDs from other states.

Voter participation by residents of Dane County is of paramount importance to the preservation of democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors urges the Wisconsin Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, 2025 Senate Bill 362 to allow out-of-state, federally compliant REAL IDs to be used for the purpose of voter identification in Wisconsin.