

Enshrining voter ID requirements in Wisconsin's constitution poses several significant concerns:

- **Disenfranchisement of Eligible Voters:** Strict voter ID laws could prevent eligible voters from participating in elections. An estimated 11% of Americans lack the required identification, with higher percentages among historically disenfranchised groups, including Black and brown communities, the elderly, economically disadvantaged individuals, students, and voters with disabilities.
- **Increased Difficulty in Reversing Restrictive Measures:** Embedding voter ID laws into the state constitution would make it more challenging to amend or repeal these measures in the future, potentially perpetuating voter suppression tactics that disproportionately affect marginalized communities.
- **Lack of Evidence for Voter Fraud:** Claims of widespread voter fraud, particularly voter impersonation, are unfounded. Voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent, and many instances of alleged fraud are administrative errors. Implementing stricter ID laws addresses a problem that does not exist, while creating barriers for legitimate voters.
- **Potential Suppression of Voter Turnout:** Wisconsin experienced its highest voter turnout in state history during the 2024 elections. Introducing more stringent voter ID requirements could dampen future turnout, undermining democratic participation.
- **Misplaced Legislative Priorities:** Focusing on constitutional amendments for voter ID laws diverts attention from more pressing issues that directly impact constituents, such as gun violence, healthcare, and economic disparities. Legislators should prioritize policies that address these critical concerns.

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- **Existing Safeguards Are Sufficient:** Wisconsin's current voter ID laws have been in place for nearly a decade without major issues. Further entrenching these requirements in the constitution is unnecessary and could lead to unintended consequences.

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In conclusion, the proposed constitutional amendment to enshrine voter ID requirements is unnecessary and poses risks to voter participation and democratic engagement in Wisconsin.

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