



NDSA-05-2122

A Resolution in Support of Student IDs Being Utilized for Voting

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, voting laws in North Dakota require an individual be a resident of the state or their district for 30 days to be eligible to vote; and,

WHEREAS, many students meet this criteria but lack the proper proof of residency as their IDs come from other districts, counties, or states; and,

WHEREAS, many students are hesitant or unwilling to change their official address or license; and,

WHEREAS, the added obstacles to students discourages them from voting, despite having met eligibility requirements; and,

WHEREAS, student IDs are government issued IDs; and,

WHEREAS, students provide a vital voice and perspective about their communities; and,

WHEREAS, the NDSA has a long history of protecting and elevating student voices; and,

WHEREAS, students are directly impacted by policies and leadership in their institutional communities; and,

WHEREAS, voting is the most direct to impact one's community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Dakota Student Association supports the use of student IDs to meet the proof of residency requirement for voting.

Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly,

Saturday, November 20th, 2021