

Winthrop University Council of Student Leaders
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Introduced by Kambrell H. Garvin.

Approved on //

A RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS THE POSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF STUDENT LEADERS
ON THE S.C. VOTER ID LAW AND THE PERCIEVED AFFECT THAT IT WILL
HAVE ON COLLEGE STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, the recently passed SC Voter ID law makes it mandatory that registered voters show state issued photo identification to cast their ballot; and

WHEREAS, the SC Election Commission reports that 178,000 residents do not have photo identification and will be affected by this change; and

WHEREAS, college or other student IDs that include a photograph which are currently permitted along with a voter registration card will be excluded as a valid form of identification under this law; and

WHEREAS, out of state college students who have temporary residency will not be permitted to vote at their local precinct if they do not have instate identification; and

WHEREAS, the Voter ID Law requires that registered voters visit their local voter registration office to obtain a new voter registration card that includes a photograph; and

WHEREAS, the allocated funds used for the implementation of this bill would be better put towards the funding of state supported institutions of higher learning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Student Leaders

THAT the SC Voter ID Law places unnecessary hurdles in the way of college students who should be encouraged to vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this bill has the potential implications of discouraging participation in the electoral process and fostering apathy amongst college students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that college or other student IDs continue to be considered a valid form of identification to vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the United States Department of Justice to thoroughly review this law and ensure that the requirements set forth are fair and do not limit access to the polls among any group.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage copies of this resolution are to be sent to The *Johnsonian*, *Roddey McMillian Record* and *The Herald*; the Vice President of Student Life and the President of Winthrop University; The York County Legislative delegation and the US Department of Justice.

Kambrell H. Garvin,
Student Body President and Chair of the Council of Student Leaders

Date