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What you need to know about Arkansas's new Voter I.D. Law

A voter education message from

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A new Arkansas law, Act 595 of 2013, requires all voters to present photo identification when voting. The law lists several acceptable forms of photo I.D. and explains how to obtain a Voter I.D. card if you do not have any photo identification.

What are some examples of acceptable Photo I.D.?

- Arkansas Driver's license
- Arkansas Photo identification card
- Concealed handgun carry license
- U.S. passport
- State or federal government employee identification
- U.S. military identification
- Student I.D. card from an accredited post-secondary institution in Arkansas (community college, university, trade school, etc.)
- Public assistance I.D. card

What if I don't have *any* form of photo I.D.?

Qualified electors who do not have any photo I.D. can obtain a free Voter I.D. card issued by their county clerk's office.

Who needs to get a Voter I.D. from the county clerk?

Registered voters who have no other form of photo I.D. If you have any acceptable form of photo I.D. (like those listed above), you are not eligible to receive an Arkansas Voter I.D. Card.

How do I get a free photo I.D.?

Go to your county clerk's office. You will be required to complete an application and sign an oath, swearing you do not have any kind of photo identification.

You must also provide certain information to the clerk:

- A photo or non-photo identity document that includes your full legal name and date of birth
- Documents that show your name and residential address
- Evidence of registration or proof of application to register to vote

What will the clerk accept as proof of identity?

Documents that contain your full legal name and date of birth, such as:

- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate
- Copy of marriage license application
- Notarized copy of state or federal tax return filed for the previous calendar year
- Paycheck or pay stub including the imprinted name of the applicant's employer
- Original Medicare or Medicaid statement
- Original annual Social Security statement for the current or preceding calendar year
- Certified school record or transcript for the current or preceding calendar year
- Naturalization document
- DD-214 issued by the federal government to members of the military

What is documentation of name and residential address?

- Utility or cable bill issued within the last 60 days
- Bank statement issued within the last 60 days
- Notarized copy of state or federal tax return filed for the previous calendar year

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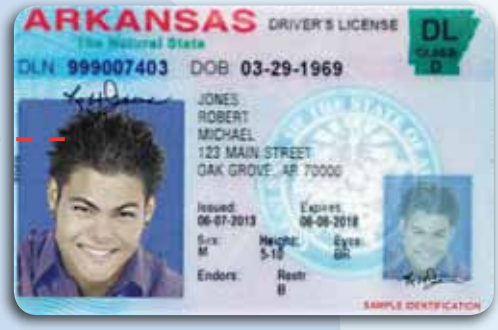
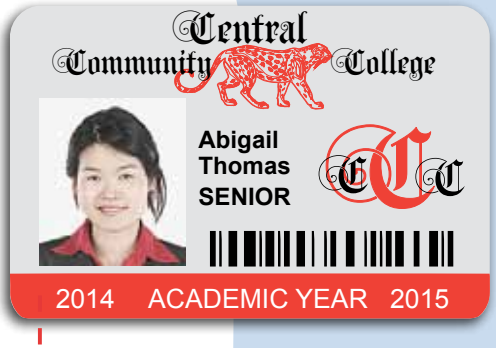
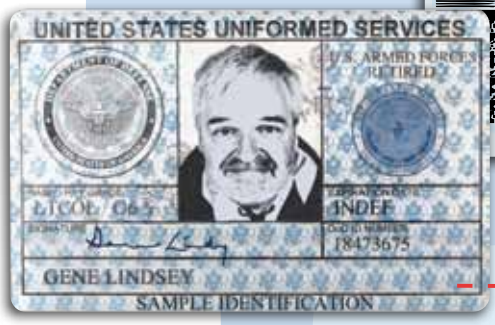
Examples of accepted forms of photo

Driver's License





College I.D.



Military I.D.

identification

U.S. Passport

State or Federal Employee Badge

Concealed Carry Permit

Be sure you take an acceptable form of photo I.D. with you to the polls. If you don't have one, contact your county clerk for a free Voter I.D.

(Documentation of name and address, continued from page 2)

- Current, valid residential rental contract or receipt for rental payment within last 60 days
- Homeowner's insurance policy or bill for current or preceding calendar year
- Mortgage, payment coupon, deed or property tax bill for current or preceding calendar year
- Personal property tax bill for current or preceding calendar year
- Current automobile registration receipt
- W-2 issued by employer for the preceding calendar year.

What if I am *applying* to register to vote?

The county clerk will process the voter registration application in the usual manner. The Voter I.D. card will not be prepared until the clerk has validated the registration information and processed the application. The Voter I.D. card will be mailed to the mailing address on the application.

Can I use my Voter I.D. card for general identification purposes?

No. The Voter I.D. card will include the statement: This card is valid for the sole purpose of voter identification in an election and for no other purpose.

How long is the Voter I.D. valid?

The Voter I.D. card is valid as long as you live in the same county where it was issued, and you remain registered to vote.

What if I move to another county?

If you move to a different county, you must either return the Voter I.D. card to the county clerk who issued the card, or turn it in to the county clerk of your new residence.

What if I lose my card?

If you lose your Voter I.D. card, you may apply for a new one. You must swear to an affidavit that your card was lost or misplaced. You must swear that you did not give or provide the Voter I.D. card to someone else. You must complete a new application by following the process explained above.

You should know:

The county clerk will take a color photograph of you when you apply for a Voter I.D. card. You must not wear sunglasses, a hat, headgear or any other item that disguises or conceals your face.

Are there exceptions?

A person who lives in a long-term or residential care facility licensed by the state does not have to show a photo I.D. As an alternative, they can provide documentation from the facility administrator, stating they are a resident of the facility.

When absentee voters return their completed ballots, they must include photocopies of an approved photo I.D. or other documents showing their name and address. Examples may include a bank statement or utility bill.

But what if...?

If a person cannot provide photo identification at the polls, the person may cast a provisional ballot.

The provisional ballot will be counted *if* the voter returns to the county clerk or county election commission by noon the Monday after the election with either proof of identity or an affidavit swearing the voter has no photo I.D. because of indigence or a religious objection to being photographed.

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Act 595 of 2013, requires
that voters show
photo identification to vote.

Is it current? Is it valid?

If your photo I.D. has an
expiration date,
it cannot have expired
more than four years before
the election in which you're voting.

If you don't have any of the types
of photo I.D. shown here, contact
your county clerk to get a
FREE Voter I.D. card
before you head to the polls.

Learn more about the new
Voter I.D. law and other voting info at

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