

Voter ID laws

23 states and the District of Columbia currently have the minimum HAVA ID requirements - first-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with their registration must show ID before voting. *Photo and non-photo ID accepted in these states.* (CA, DC, ID, IL, IA, ME, MD, MA, MN, MS, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OR, RI, UT, VT, WV, WI, WY)

18 states require ID for all voters. *Photo and non-photo ID accepted in these states.* (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, KY, MO, MT, NM, ND, OH, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA)

3 states require all voters show photo ID. *Voters without the proper ID will be offered provisional ballots.* (FL, GA, IN)

4 states request all voters show photo ID. *Voters without the proper ID can sign affidavits and cast regular (non-provisional) ballots.* (HI, LA, MI, SD)

2 states require ID of all first-time voters. *Photo and non-photo ID accepted in these states.* (KS, PA)

Notes: In Florida, if the voter does not have the required ID they are required to vote a provisional ballot. The canvassing board determines the validity of the ballot.

In Georgia, the state law requiring photo ID at the polls is still the subject of litigation. If the voter does not have the required ID they must vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will only be counted if the registrars are able to verify ID of the elector within the time period for verifying provisional ballots.

In Indiana, if the voter is unable or unwilling to present photo ID on Election Day, they may cast a provisional ballot. They have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide photo ID or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies.

In Michigan, state law requiring photo ID at the polls is the subject of litigation.

State	Voter ID required for	What forms of ID are acceptable
Alabama	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Government-issued photo ID; Employee photo ID; Alabama college, university photo ID technical or professional school photo ID; or a utility bill, bank statement, government paycheck, or paycheck with voter's name and address; Valid ID card (authorized by law) issued by the State of or by any of the other 49 states or issued by the US government; US passport; Alabama hunting or fishing license; Alabama pistol/revolver permit; Valid pilot's license; Valid US military ID; Birth certificate; Social Security card; Naturalization document; Court record of adoption; Court record of name change; Valid Medicaid or Medicare card; Valid electronic benefits transfer card; Government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Without one of these forms of identification, a voter is permitted to: vote a challenged or provisional ballot; vote, if he or she is identified as a voter on the poll list who is eligible to vote by two poll workers and both poll workers sign the voting sign-in register by the voter's name. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
Alaska	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	An official voter registration card, driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or hunting or fishing license; or an original or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document; an item exhibited under this paragraph must show the name and current address of the voter. An election official may waive the identification requirement if the election official knows the identity of the voter. The identification requirement may not be waived for voters who are first-time voters who initially registered by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, and did not provide identification as required in AS 15.07.060. <i>Source: State law</i>
Arizona	All voters - either one form of photo ID or two forms of non-photo ID are required at the polls	Law requiring voters to provide photo or non-photo ID at the polls <i>Source: State law Text of Proposition 200 struck down in court.</i> The ruling was vacated by the U.S. Supreme Court.
Arkansas	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Valid driver's license; Photo ID issued by a governmental agency; Voter card; Social security card; Birth certificate; U.S. Passport; Employee ID; Student ID card; Arkansas hunting license; U.S. military ID card. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>

California	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Photo ID: Driver's license of any state; A passport; An employee ID card; An ID card provided by a commercial establishment; Credit or debit card; Military ID card; Student ID card; Health club ID card; Insurance plan ID card; Any other document specified in writing by the Secretary of State that is prepared by a third party in the ordinary course of business that includes a photograph and the name of the individual presenting it. Other acceptable documents: Utility bill; Bank statement; Government check; Government paycheck; Document issued by a governmental agency; Sample ballot; Voter notification card; Public housing ID card; Lease or rental statement or agreement; Student ID card; Tuition statement or bill; Insurance plan card; Discharge certificates, pardons, or other official documents issued to the voter in connection with the resolution of a criminal case, indictment, sentence, or other matter; Senior citizen discount cards issued by public transportation authorities; ID documents issued by government disability agencies; ID documents issued by government homeless shelters and other temporary or transitional facilities; Drug prescription provided by a doctor or other health care provider; Tax return; Property tax statement; Vehicle registration or certificate of ownership; any other document specified in writing by the Secretary of State that includes the name and address of the individual presenting it, and is dated since the date of the last general election. Any doubts regarding the sufficiency of identification presented shall be resolved in favor of the voter. <i>Source:</i> California Code of Regulations
Colorado	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Colorado drivers license, Department of Revenue ID, U.S. Passport, Colorado or U. S. employee ID card, Pilots License, US Military ID, copy of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector, Medicare or Medicaid card, a certified US birth certificate, or certified documentation of naturalization. <i>Source:</i> Secretary of state Web site
Connecticut	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Each elector who registered to vote by mail for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a "mark" next to the elector's name on the official registry list, shall present either a current and valid photo ID that shows the elector's name and address or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector. Each other elector shall present to the checkers the elector's Social Security card or any other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement that the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official checklist. Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false statement. <i>Source:</i> State law
Delaware	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Photo ID; Utility bill; Paycheck; or any other government document with the voter's name and address on it. <i>Source:</i> State election Web site - voter guide
District of Columbia	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Valid and current photo ID; Current utility bill; Bank statement; Government check; Paycheck; or any other document that includes your name and address. <i>Source:</i> State election Web site - voter guide
Florida	All voters - photo ID only accepted. Voters without photo ID will cast a provisional ballot.	Approved forms of picture identification are: Florida driver's license; Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; United States passport; employee badge or identification; buyer's club identification; debit or credit card; military identification; student identification; retirement center identification; neighborhood association identification; and public assistance identification. If the picture identification does not contain a signature, you will be asked to provide an additional identification with your signature. If you do not have the proper identification you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. <i>Source:</i> Secretary of state Web site

Georgia	All voters - photo ID only accepted. Voters without photo ID will cast a provisional ballot.	Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including a free voter ID card issued by a county registrar's office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS); a Georgia Driver's License, even if expired; valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state; valid U.S. passport ID; valid U.S. military photo ID; valid tribal photo ID. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i> . The law is currently the subject of litigation.
Hawaii	All voters - photo ID requested.	Picture ID with a signature on it for verification of your identity. Voter will be asked to sign a poll book to record that the voter voted at that polling place. A voter registration notice is not an acceptable form of identification. <i>Source: Office of elections Web site</i>
Idaho	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current and valid photo identification; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. <i>Source: State law</i>
Illinois	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. <i>Source: State election Web site</i>
Indiana	All voters - photo ID only accepted. Voters without photo ID will cast a provisional ballot.	A photo ID must meet 4 criteria to be acceptable for voting purposes. It must: Display the voter's photo; Display the voter's name, and the name must conform with the voter registration record; Display an expiration date and either be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (November 2, 2004); Be issued by the State of Indiana or the U.S. government. In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, US Passport, or Military ID is sufficient. A student ID from an Indiana State school may only be used if it meets all of the 4 criteria specified above. A student ID from a private institution may not be used for voting purposes. <i>Source: Secretary of State Web site</i> Exemptions do exist for the indigent, those with a religious objection to being photographed, and those living in state-licensed facilities that serve as their precinct's polling place. <i>Source: Secretary of State Web site</i> If you are unable or unwilling to present photo ID on Election Day, you may cast a provisional ballot. Upon casting a provisional ballot, you have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the County Election Board and either provide photo ID or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies to you. <i>Source: Secretary of State Web site</i>
Iowa	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current and valid photo identification; or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
Kansas	All first-time voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Current Kansas driver's license; current Kansas non-driver's ID card; utility bill; bank statement; paycheck or paycheck stub; government check; other government document showing the voter's name and address. <i>Source: Secretary of state press release</i>
Kentucky	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Personal acquaintance or by a document such as a motor vehicle operator's license; social security card, or credit card. <i>Source: State law</i>
Louisiana	All voters - photo ID requested. If the voter has a non-photo ID, the voter will need to sign an affidavit to cast a ballot.	Driver's license, a Louisiana Special ID, or some other generally recognized picture ID. Voters who have no picture ID and bring only a utility bill, payroll check or government document that includes their name and address will have to sign an affidavit furnished by the Elections Division in order to vote. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
Maine	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Maine driver's license or other valid photo ID; a current utility bill; or bank statement; or paycheck; or other government document that shows the voter's name and address. <i>Source: Secretary of state voter guide</i>

Maryland	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A copy of a current and valid photo ID i.e. Maryland driver's license; MVA-issued ID card; student photo ID card; employee photo ID card; a copy of a current utility bill; bank statement; government check; paycheck or; other government document that shows the voter's name and address. <i>Source:</i> State election Web site
Massachusetts	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Acceptable identification must include your name and the address at which you are registered to vote, for example: a current and valid driver's license, photo identification, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document showing your name and address. <i>Source:</i> State voter guide
Michigan	All voters - photo ID requested. If the voter has a non-photo ID, the voter will need to sign an affidavit to cast a ballot	As of the November 6, 2007 election, every Michigan voter who offers to vote at the polls must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. <i>Source:</i> State guidelines
Minnesota	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A driver's license or Minnesota identification card; showing any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification; showing one of the following: a current valid student ID card from a postsecondary educational institution in Minnesota; a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card; having a voter who is registered to vote in the precinct sign an oath in the presence of the election judge vouching that the voter personally knows that the individual is a resident of the precinct; for tribal band members living on an Indian reservation, an individual may prove residence for purposes of registering by showing an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the name, street address, signature, and picture of the individual. <i>Source:</i> Secretary of state Web voter guide
Mississippi	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	That ID could include a photo ID driver's license, a paycheck, a utility bill, or other government document that includes a name and address. <i>Source:</i> Secretary of state Web site
Missouri	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state; Identification issued by the United States government or agency thereof; Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the state of Missouri; A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter; Driver's license or state identification card issued by another state. <i>Source:</i> Secretary of state Web site
Montana	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Any current photo ID that shows your name (for example, a valid driver's license, school ID, state ID, or tribal ID) or a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, voter confirmation notice, government check or other government document that shows your name and current address. <i>Source:</i> Secretary of state Web site
Nebraska	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A photographic identification which is current and valid or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that is current and that shows the name and address of the voter. <i>Source:</i> State law - 32-914
Nevada	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current and valid photo identification of the person; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including, without limitation, a check, which indicates the name and address of the person. <i>Source:</i> State law
New Hampshire	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A copy of a current and valid photo identification and a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, other government document that shows name and address.

New Jersey	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	May include, but is not limited to, any current and valid photo ID including driver's license, student or job identification, military or other government ID, store membership identification, or United States Passport. Other acceptable forms of identification include a bank statement, car registration, government check or document, non-photo driver's license, rent receipt, sample ballot, utility bill, or any other official document. <i>Source: Division of elections Web site</i>
New Mexico	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A. a physical form of identification, which may be: (1) an original or copy of a current and valid photo identification with or without an address, which address is not required to match the voter's certificate of registration or a voter identification card; or (2) an original or copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student identification card or other government document, including identification issued by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, that shows the name and address of the person, the address of which is not required to match the voter's certificate of registration; or B. a verbal or written statement by the voter of the voter's name, year of birth and unique identifier; provided, however, that the statement of the voter's name need not contain the voter's middle initial or suffix. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
New York	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Current and valid photo identification including but not limited to: Driver's license; Passport; National identity card; Military ID card; Employee ID card; Student ID card; State ID card; Public housing ID card. ID specified by the statute as acceptable: Utility bill; Bank statement; Paycheck; Government check (e.g. Social Security, tax refund). Other government documents with name and address of voter including but not limited to: Voter registration card; Property tax receipt; Hunting/fishing license; Gun permit. <i>Source: Attorney General voter guide</i>
North Carolina	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current and valid photo identification. A copy of one of the following documents that shows the name and address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. <i>Source: State law</i>
North Dakota	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Valid North Dakota Drivers License; Valid State Identification Card; Valid Federally Issued Identification Card: e.g., passport, agency identification card; Valid Tribal Government Issued Identification Card; Valid Student Identification Card; Valid United States Military Identification Card; Utility bill dated 30 days prior to Election day with name and residential address; Change of address verification letter from the US postal Service. If a person offering to vote does not have or cannot show one of the approved forms of identification, the offeror may still vote if 1) A pollworker knows the offeror and is willing to vouch for the offeror's identity and eligibility to vote in that precinct; OR 2) If the offeror fills out and signs a voter's affidavit in the presence of the Inspector of the election board. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
Ohio	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current and valid photo identification; A military identification that shows the voter's name and current address; A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
Oklahoma	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current driver's license or other photo identification. A utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address. <i>Source: Voter registration application instructions</i>
Oregon	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Note - All-mail voting state, so this is what first-time voters have to show when the register to vote by mail. Acceptable forms of identification include a copy of your current, valid photo identification, or a copy of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement, or government document showing your name and address. <i>Source: Secretary of state press release</i>
Pennsylvania	All first-time voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	PA driver's license or ID card issued by Penn DOT; ID issued by any other Commonwealth agency; ID issued by the U.S. Government; U.S. Passport ; U.S. Armed Forces ID ; Student ID ; Employee ID; Voter's identification card issued by the voter registration commission; Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth; Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government; Firearm permit; Current utility bill; Current bank statement; Current paycheck; Government check. <i>Source: Department of state Web site</i>

Rhode Island	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address. <i>Source: State board of elections Web site</i>
South Carolina	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	For identification to vote, you may present either your voter registration certificate, a valid South Carolina driver's license, or a South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles issued photo I.D. card. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
South Dakota	All voters - photo ID requested. If the voter does not have a photo ID, the voter may sign an affidavit and then cast a ballot.	All voters will be required to provide identification before voting or obtaining an absentee ballot. The personal identification that may be presented shall either be: A South Dakota driver's license or nondriver identification card; A passport or an identification card, including a picture, issued by an agency of the United States government; A tribal identification card, including a picture; or; A current student identification card, including a picture, issued by a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, including a university, college, or technical school, located within the State of South Dakota. If a voter is not able to present personal identification, the voter may complete an affidavit in lieu of the personal identification. <i>Source: Secretary of State Web site</i>
Tennessee	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	For purposes of comparing the person's signature on the application for ballot, "evidence of identification" shall be a valid voter's registration certificate, Tennessee driver license, social security card, credit card bearing the applicant's signature or other document bearing the applicant's signature. <i>Source: State law - 2-7-112</i>
Texas	All voters must present voter registration certificate . First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A driver's license or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety or a similar document issued to the person by an agency of another state, regardless of whether the license or card has expired; a form of identification containing the person's photograph that establishes the person's identity; a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity; citizenship papers issued to the person; a passport issued to the person; official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity; a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter; or any other form of identification prescribed by the secretary of state. <i>Source: State law - 63.0101</i>
Utah	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Drivers license, state identification card, passport, current utility bill, government check, paycheck or other document that shows your name and current address. <i>Source: State voter information guide</i>
Vermont	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A valid photo identification; a copy of a current utility bill; a copy of a current bank statement; or a copy of a government check, paycheck, or any other government document that shows the current name and address of the voter. <i>Source: State law</i>
Virginia	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Acceptable forms of identification include the following: Virginia Voter ID card, Valid Virginia driver's license, Military ID, Any federal, state or local government-issued ID, employer issued photo ID card, social security card. Any voter who forgets to bring acceptable ID to the polls may still vote but, will be requested to sign, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity form affirming that he/she is the voter he/she claims to be. For persons who registered to vote in Virginia by mailing their registration applications on or after January 1, 2003, the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires those persons to show identification (ID) when voting for the first time in a federal election if they did not send a copy of one of these IDs with their voter registration applications. Any of the following types of ID are acceptable: A current and valid photo ID (for example a driver's license); or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck that shows name and address; or another government document that shows name and address (for example a voter card). This new federal ID requirement applies the first time a person votes in any federal election, either on the day of the election or by absentee ballot. If the voter does not present one of these forms of ID at the polls, that person can still vote, but must cast a conditional ballot. This is a paper ballot that the local electoral board counts the day after the election, after it verifies the person was qualified to vote in

		that precinct. When the person votes in other elections after his or her first federal election, the regular Virginia ID requirement will apply, as it does to all other voters. <i>Source: State board of elections Web site</i>
Washington	All voters - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Photo ID, such as a driver's license, state ID card, student ID card, or tribal ID card; Voter registration card; Utility Bill; Bank statement; Paycheck; Government check; Other government document. <i>Source: Secretary of state Web site</i>
West Virginia	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	Acceptable forms of ID include: driver's licenses, pay stubs, bank statements, utility bills, or other government issued documents. <i>Source: Secretary of state voting guide</i>
Wisconsin	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current and valid operator's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation; an official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit; An official identification card or license issued by an employer that includes a photograph of the cardholder or license holder, excluding a business card; A property tax bill or receipt for the current or preceding year. A current utility bill, bank statement, pay check, or government check or document; A college identification card that includes a photograph of the cardholder. This may be used as an identifying document even if it does not contain the cardholder's address, if the educational institution provides a certified student list for use at the polling place. <i>Source: State elections board notice</i>
Wyoming	First-time voters who register by mail and do not provide ID verification with registration application - photo and non-photo ID accepted	A current, valid photo identification; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document which shows his name and address. <i>Source: State law</i>

