

# **NOT REGISTERED?**

To Vote in Texas, you must be registered. Simply pick up a voter registration application, fill it out, and mail it at least 30 days before the election date.

Contact or Visit your local Voter Registrar to complete the voter registration process.



# **VOTER I.D. FAQ'S** VOTING IS EASY, SO IS GETTING THE FACTS

Voters who possess an acceptable form of photo identification for voting listed below to present that identification in order to vote in person in all Texas elections. For voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid. Voters who do not possess an acceptable form of photo identification and cannot reasonably obtain one of the forms of acceptable photo identification listed below may present a supporting form of identification, noting the voter's reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo identification, stating that the information contained in the declaration is true, that the voter is the same individual personally appearing at the polling place to sign the declaration, and that the voter faces a reasonable impediment to procuring an acceptable form of photo identification.

## Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

\*Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

- \* Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- \* Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- \* United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- \* United States Citizenship Certificated containing the person's photograph

#### \* United States Passport (book or card)

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, which does not expire, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

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<u>Election Identification Certificates</u> are available from <u>DPS driver license offices</u> during regular business hours. Information regarding how to obtain an election identification certificate can be found at <u>www.dps.texas.gov</u>. You may also contact DPS by telephone at (512) 424-2600 for more information.

### Here is a list of the supporting forms of ID that can be presented if the voter does not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo ID and cannot reasonably obtain one:

- Copy of original of a government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's voter registration certificate;
- Copy of or original current utility bill;
- Copy of original bank statement;
- Copy of or original government check;
- Copy of or original paycheck; or
- Copy of or original of (a) a certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include foreign birth document).

After presenting one of the forms of supporting ID Listed above, the voter must execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

### What is a Reasonable Impediment?

Reasonable Impediment identified on the Reasonable Impediment Declaration include lack of transportation, disability or illness, lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain acceptable photo ID, work schedule, family responsibilities, lost or stolen ID, or acceptable form of photo ID applied for but not received. **You <u>must</u> qualify for one of these reasonable impediments in order to execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.** A person is subject to prosecution for perjury under Chapter 37, Penal Code, or Section 63.0013 of the Texas Election Code for providing a false statement or false information on a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

We hope you have found this information helpful, should you need additional information, please contact our office at (361) 449-8034 or

Find out more at:

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