Photo Id requirements for voting

All voters must present an ID, meeting the requirements below, containing the voter’s name and photograph, whether voting early or on Election Day.

Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:
- Tennessee driver license with your photo
- United States Passport
- Photo ID Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government, such as an employee ID from the U.S. Department of Energy with your photo
- United States Military photo ID, including a Veteran Identification Card
- Tennessee handgun carry permit card with your photo

What forms of photo ID are NOT acceptable?
- College student photo IDs
- Privately issued photo IDs, such as your discount club or bank card with your photo
- Photo IDs issued by other states or by county or city governments, including library cards

Who is exempt?
- Voters who vote absentee by mail (view requirements at http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/bymail.htm)
- Voters who are residents of a licensed nursing home or assisted living center and who vote at the facility
- Voters who are hospitalized
- Voters with a religious objection to being photographed
- Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee

What if I do not bring a photo ID to the polling place?
- If you do not bring a photo ID, you will vote a provisional ballot.
- You will then have until two (2) business days after Election Day to return to the election commission office to show a valid photo ID.

What if I do not have a photo ID?
- You may obtain a photo ID to vote from the Department of Safety and Homeland Security at a driver service center. You will need proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate), two proofs of Tennessee residency (such as a voter registration card, utility bill, vehicle registration/title, or bank statement), and if your name differs from that on your primary ID, proof of the changed name (such as certified marriage certificate, divorce decree, certified court order, etc.).
- If you do not have a photo on your driver’s license and no other form of valid photo ID, you may visit a driver service center to have your photo added to your license at no charge. You must state that it is for voting purposes.

Where can I find out more information?
- Call or visit your county election commission, or
- Visit our website at http://www.GoVoteTN.com
- Please notify your county election commission if your address changes.
- Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett

I can’t afford a copy of my birth certificate, so I can’t get a photo ID. Can I still vote?
- Yes, if you cannot afford a copy of the documents required to obtain a free photo ID, you may sign a form stating under oath that you are indigent and have been unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID for voting without paying a fee.

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