

UPDATE: Voter ID Law in Arkansas October 2014



On October 15, 2014 the Arkansas Supreme Court unanimously declared the Voter ID Law unconstitutional. This information is designed to help you protect your right to vote and know what to expect for the upcoming election.

Do I need ID in order to vote?

- ◆ The court made it clear that the Voter ID Law is invalid and will not apply to the upcoming November 2014 election.
- ◆ All ballots, including absentee ballots, will be handled as they were before the law took effect.
- ◆ Poll workers are still required to ask voters for identification but voters who do not have or choose not to show ID will be allowed to cast a regular ballot.
- ◆ First time voters who did not provide a driver's license, ID, or social security number when registering to vote may be required to show some proof of identification, but it need not be photo ID. Alternatives for these voters include showing a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.
- ◆ **After this ruling, under no circumstances must a voter show a photo ID in order to vote.**

What can I expect at the polls?

- ◆ The poll worker will first ask you to state your name, address, and date of birth. They will confirm the information given on the Precinct Voter Registration List (PVR).
 - If your name differs from the PVR then you will be asked to update your registration. You are to be given a regular ballot.
 - If your address differs from the PVR or if your name is not listed, the poll worker will call your county clerk to verify your registration and precinct. If you are in the same precinct you will be asked to update your registration and will be given a regular ballot. If it is not within the precinct you will be directed to the correct polling site and will be given a regular ballot. If you do not go to your correct precinct you will be given a provisional ballot.
 - If your registration cannot be verified but you contend that you are registered and eligible to vote, you will be given a provisional ballot.
- ◆ You will be then be asked for identification.
 - You are only required to show ID if you are a first time voter who did not provide a driver's license, ID, or social security number when registering or the verification processed flagged you for a no-match. There will be a note on the PVR that you are required to show some form of identification.
 - If you provide ID, the poll worker will check the "ID provided" box. If you do not provide ID the poll worker will simply mark "no ID" next to your name on the PVR list. You will be given a regular ballot. If you are denied a regular ballot please contact us immediately.
- ◆ You will then be asked to sign the PVR list and be given a ballot.
- ◆ For early voting, you will fill out and sign the early voting roster or early voting request form. This form will require you to provide your name, address, and date of birth. Similar to the above process, you will still have to verbally state this information to a poll worker, be asked for your ID, and have your information verified.

What if I have problems or questions?

For more information or help with problems, call the national voter hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE or visit www.866ourvote.org.

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