

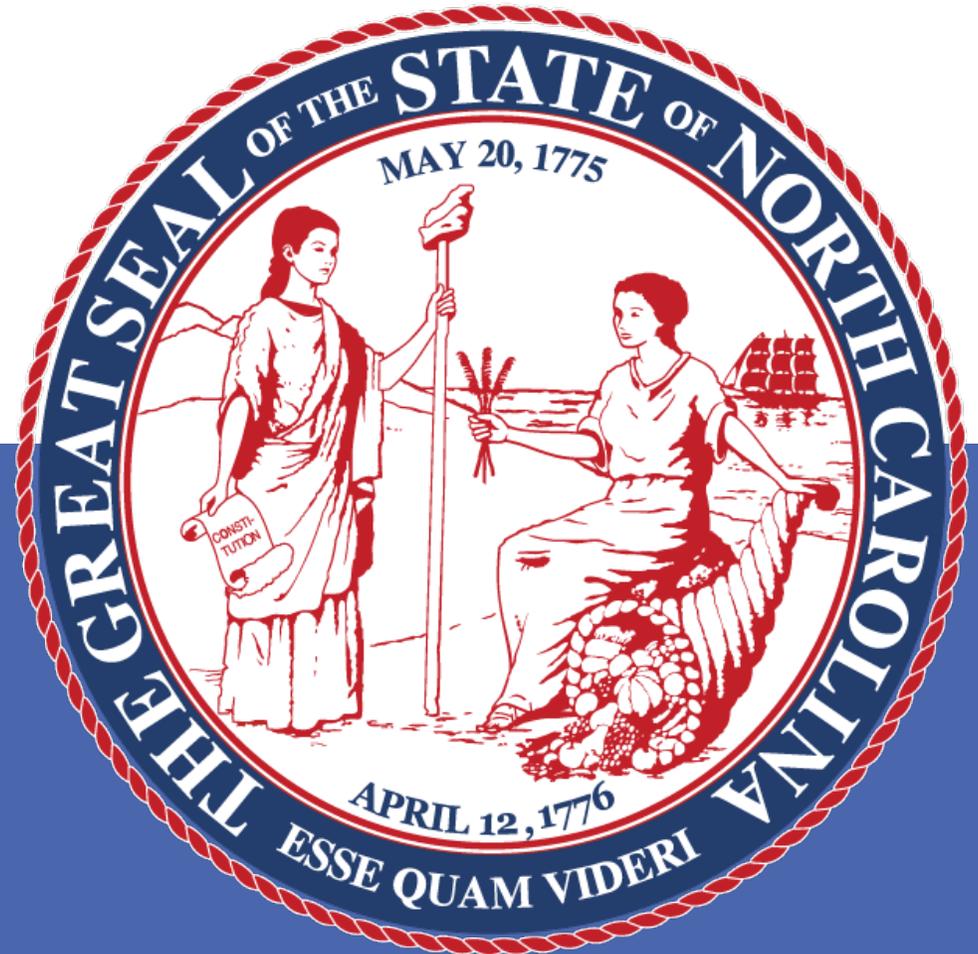
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PREPARING FOR VOTER ID IN 2016

NC DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE - 2015

NC State Board of Elections

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2016 ELECTION WILL BE A BIG YEAR!



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- Presidential Preference Primary
- May Primary & Runoffs
- General Election in November
- US President, US Senate, NC Governor, and Local Races.
- National Attention for NC!
- Voter ID goes into effect.

LEARNING LESSONS FROM OTHER STATES...

Long Lines, Demands for ID at Polls Voting for Some

By ETHAN BRONNER
Published: November 6, 2012

In Virginia and Texas some voters waited for hours. In Pennsylvania, there were inappropriate demands for IDs. Recorded calls went out to residents of Ohio, there seemed to be an unusually high number of ballots, causing concern that they might not be counted.

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Michael F. McElroy for The New York Times
Workers at the Board of Elections warehouse in downtown Cleveland prepared boxes of ballots.

Election Day was a partisan display of unlikely late-night activity. It caused a major problem on the stage for Galveston, Texas, to open a bit later than there were voters. Still, the activity.

The Clarion-Ledger

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Search Texas' Stringent Voter ID Law Makes a Dent at Polls

Mississippi sails through voter ID test

Emily Le Coz, The Clarion-Ledger 8:35 p.m. CDT June 3, 2014



(Photo: Joe Ellis/The Clarion-Ledger)

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Mississippi's new voter ID law caused few problems in the first election since its controversial passage, with only one report of a voter turned away for lack of identification.

A Pike County poll worker mistakenly told a person he couldn't cast a ballot without an ID, said county

Election Commissioner Trudy Berger.

"It was a misunderstanding," Berger said. "We trained on it that nobody is ever told they can't vote, period. As soon as we heard that had happened, we sent an election commissioner down there to solve the problem."

According to the new law, voters must present a driver's license or other government-issued ID to cast a ballot through the normal process. Those without ID can vote by affidavit ballot, after which they have five business days to show an acceptable form of photo ID, or apply for a Mississippi voter ID card, at the circuit clerk's office.

The Secretary of State's Office was notified of the incident, Berger said. But beyond that, the agency had few calls about voter ID issues.

"We have devoted countless hours of time and training to election officials across the state. No news is good news," adds Secretary Delbert Hosemann. "We believe Mississippians were ready to put this issue behind us. It was time for us to close this chapter in our history. We have done so today."

Voters expressed little, if any, inconvenience at the polls due to the new law.



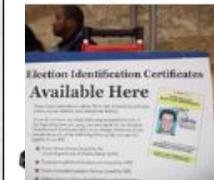
Michael Stravato for The New York Times

Campaign workers handed out literature on Tuesday as Texas rolled out its new voter ID law, which required voters to show state-approved identification.

OK LYMAN
Published: November 6, 2013

USTON — First, Judge Sandra Watts was stopped while trying to vote because the name on her photo ID, the same one she had used for voter registration and identification for 52 years, did not exactly match her name on the official voter rolls.

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A few days later, state Senator Wendy Davis, a Democrat who became a national celebrity after her filibuster over a new abortion law, had the same problem in early voting. So did her likely Republican opponent in next year's governor's race, Attorney General Greg Abbott.

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WHAT IS VOTER ID?

- Beginning in 2016, registered voters *voting at the polls* will be asked to present a valid photo ID...

There are some exceptions and options for persons without photo ID.



NC DMV ISSUED CARDS



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US PASSPORT & PASSPORT CARD



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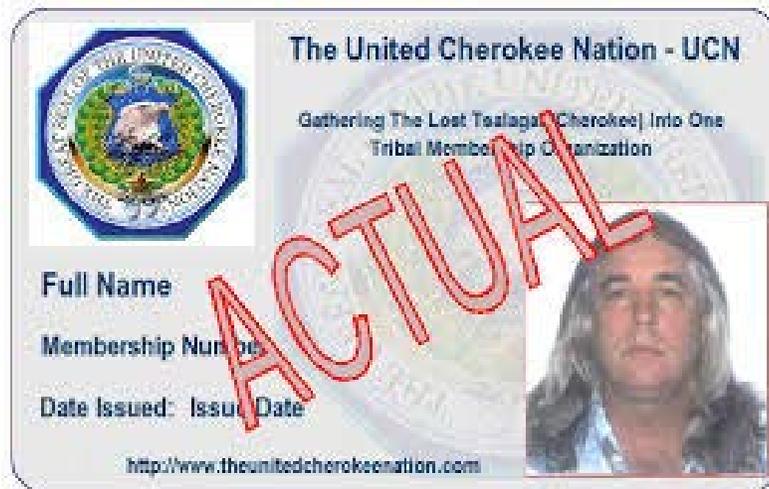


INCLUDES ACTIVE, RETIRED, and DEPENDENTS!

OTHER ID'S



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All Federal Tribal ID Cards and Tribal ID Cards from certain State recognized Tribes

ONLY IF THE VOTER HAS REGISTERED TO VOTE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE ELECTION



EXCEPTIONS TO EXPIRATION

PERSONS OVER 70 may use an *expired* card *IF* the card was unexpired when they turned 70

NC ID's may be expired no more than 4 years,

Most Federal ID's must be unexpired.



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THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO PHOTO ID

Registered voters with a disability voting curbside
(use either photo ID or HAVA documents).

Registered voters voting by mail-in absentee ballot.

OTHER EXCEPTIONS TO PHOTO ID...



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- Registered voter who has a sincerely held *religious objection* to being photographed *and* has filed a declaration at least 25 days before the election.
- Registered voter who is a *victim of a natural disaster* occurring within 60 days before the election that results in a disaster declaration by the President or Governor.

EXCEPTION FOR VOTERS WITHOUT PHOTO ID



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- Voter may complete a **request for an absentee ballot...** (up to the deadline for requests – 5pm on the Tuesday before the election).
- Or, voters not meeting the ID requirements may cast a **provisional ballot.**
- Voters unable to obtain a photo ID may complete a “**reasonable impediment declaration**”.
- **NO ELEGIBLE VOTER WILL BE TURNED AWAY or NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE** because of the **PHOTO ID** requirement!

REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT DECLARATION



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- Voters who suffer from a reasonable impediment that prevents the voter from obtaining a photo ID may complete and sign a “reasonable impediment declaration”.
- Will need to provide ID in the form of (a) HAVA ID, (b) voter registration card, *OR* (c) provide last 4 digits of SSN and DOB...
- Will vote a provisional ballot (which will count upon verification).

REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT DECLARATION



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- **Some forms of reasonable impediment are:**
 - **Lack of transportation**
 - **Illness or disability**
 - **Lack of birth certificate or other documents**
 - **Work schedule**
 - **Lost or stolen ID**
 - **OTHER _____**

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO PREPARE? MAILINGS



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<p>The NC State Board of Elections wants to know if you have a form of Photo ID that will be accepted for voting in person at the polls beginning in 2016. (see enclosed list)</p> <p>Please respond below and return this <u>pre-paid</u> postage card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have an acceptable form of Photo ID (must be unexpired, unless the expiration date is after your 70th birthday).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not have an acceptable form of Photo ID, but I <u>don't need</u> assistance.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not have an acceptable form of Photo ID, and I <u>need</u> help obtaining one.</p> <p>MY CONTACT: _____ <small>(address / phone / or email)</small></p> <p><small>Your claims are protected. Please read and return this section.</small></p>	<p>BUSINESS REPLY MAIL FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 4918 RALEIGH, NC POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE</p> <p>NC State Board of Elections Post Office Box 27255 Raleigh, NC 27690-0022</p>
<p>STARTING IN 2016 You will need <u>one</u> form of acceptable Photo ID to vote in person at the polls in North Carolina. <u>No Photo ID needed if voting absentee.</u></p> <p><u>Acceptable Photo ID:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NC Driver's License, Learner's Permit, or Provisional License• Special Voter ID card issued by the NC Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)• US Passport• US Military ID card (including retired, civilian and dependents)• US Veterans ID card issued by US Department of Veterans Affairs• Tribal Enrollment card issued by a federally-recognized tribe• Tribal Enrollment card issued by an NC-recognized tribe, signed by an elected tribal official, and compliant with G.S. § 163-166.13• Out-of-State driver's license or non-operator's ID card (BUT only if the voter registration date in the county is within 90 days of the election) <p><small>Subject to certain exceptions, Photo ID must be unexpired.</small></p> <p>Need help obtaining a <u>free</u> Photo ID? For more information on Photo ID and how we can help: Visit www.VoterID.nc.gov Call 1-866-522-4723</p>	<p>ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED Raleigh, NC 27690-0022 Post Office Box 27255 RALEIGH, NC 27690-0022 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NORTH CAROLINA</p>

218,733 cards were mailed

61,322 total cards received back @ NCSBE (28.03% feedback) (as of 7/24)

- Undeliverable: 41,842 (68.23% of feedback)
- Marked responses: 19,480 (31.77% of feedback)
 - o Have ID: 17,794 (91.34%)
 - o No ID, No help needed: 294 (1.51%)
 - o No ID, Please help: 569 (2.92%)
 - o Other (unmarked, deceased, moved out of state, not current resident, etc.): 823 (4.22%)

Total number of requests for help = 1,392.

747 resolved. Remainder are in-progress.

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- Providing free NC ID's and birth certificates.
- Partnering with agencies and organizations that work with low-income, minority, elderly, and disability groups.
- Working with voter registration and voter advocacy groups.
- Traveling statewide to give presentations and seminars. Over 160 to-date.

VOTERID.NC.GOV



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the VOTERID.NC.GOV website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the URL <http://www.voterid.nc.gov> and a search bar containing "VOTENC". Below the navigation bar is a banner with the text "MY NORTH CAROLINA. MY VOTE." and a graphic of a person at a voting station. The main content area features a section titled "My North Carolina. My Vote." with a sub-header "Beginning in 2016, North Carolina will require voters to show a photo identification (photo ID) when they present to vote in person. This change is a result of the Voter Information Verification Act or 'VIVA'. (S.L. 2013-381)." Below this is a video player titled "NORTH CAROLINA Photo ID REQUIREMENTS". To the right of the video player is a sidebar with a "Quick Links" section containing links for Home, Get a No-Fee ID, Valid IDs in 2016, Documents you will need at DMV, DMV Mobile Unit Schedule, Outreach Materials, Frequently Asked Questions, DMV Locator, and Contact Us. At the bottom of the page, there are two images of North Carolina photo IDs.

The screenshot shows the "Need Assistance" page on the VOTERID.NC.GOV website. The page title is "I need assistance with...". Below the title, there are two main sections: "I need help obtaining my documents." and "I need help finding a ride." Each section has a "Let's Get" button. The "I need help obtaining my documents." section includes the text "You can get documents needed for a NC DMV No-Fee ID from the following sources." and a list of links: "Information and Frequently Asked Questions", "Need assistance with documents or transportation?", and "I need someone to contact me." The "I need help finding a ride." section includes the text "You can get find transportation assistance by contacting the following local transportation and government agencies." and a list of links: "Home", "Get a No-Fee ID", "Valid IDs in 2016", "Documents you will need at DMV", "DMV Mobile Unit Schedule", "Outreach Materials", "Frequently Asked Questions", "DMV Locator", and "Contact Us". The footer of the page features the North Carolina State Board of Elections logo and name.



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NEW PRINTED MATERIALS

NC VOTER ID
BEGINNING IN 2016, ALL VOTERS WHO VOTE IN PERSON WILL NEED TO SHOW A PHOTO ID.

NC DRIVER LICENSE
(no more than 8 years expired)

NC IDENTIFICATION CARD
(no more than 8 years expired)

US PASSPORT / CARD

ALL MILITARY ID
(unexpired)

VETERANS IDENTIFICATION
(unexpired)

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD
(unexpired)

UNABLE TO GET AN ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?
Remember voters who are unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID due to a reasonable impediment may still vote a provisional ballot at the polls. A reasonable impediment may include the loss of a passport, driver license, North Carolina identification card, or other photo ID. The State Board of Elections will accept a voter's provisional ballot at the time of the election.

FORGOT YOUR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?
Voters who do not possess an acceptable photo ID at the polling place may still vote a provisional ballot that will be counted if the voter has presented an acceptable photo ID at the county board of elections office before noon on the day before their county board convenes the election.

VOTING WITH AN ABSOLUTE BALLOT BY MAIL
Photo ID is not required to cast a mail or absolute ballot. However, voters who do not have a photo ID at the time of the election must submit a signed affidavit to the county board of elections and fill out an affidavit before the date of the election.

VOTERS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS
Voters with a religious objection to being photographed will not be asked to present photo ID. If they do, a provision will that allows voters to vote a provisional ballot. The voter will be counted if they have a religious objection to being photographed and provide an affidavit (attached to the voter's ballot) before the election.

OVER THE AGE OF 70?
Voters who are 70 years of age or older may vote a provisional ballot if they do not have a photo ID at the time of the election. The voter will be counted if they have a photo ID at the time of the election.

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WWW.VOTERID.NC.GOV

TO CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:
1-866-522-4723

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WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING?



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- Linking voters to transportation and other assistance for documents
- Attorney Advocates network
- Developing rules for the photo ID process at the poll site
- Developing election officials training aids
- Producing statewide media campaign

BRING IT!



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- One of three TV ads to run statewide.
- Each targeted to a specific audience
- Also billboards, radio, and newspaper ads

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



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- Help get the word out in your community.
- Offer to assist persons who need help.
- Volunteer to work at the polls, or work on a MAT Team.
- Is your voter registration is up-to-date?
- How can you help the voter outreach team?

VOTER ID CONTACTS



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