



Texas Organizing Project

TOP Information Sheet - Voting and Elections

Voter ID Information

Voters are required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas Elections.

Here is the 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
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

A few important things to remember:

- Your address on your photo ID **does not** have to match the address on your voter registration.
- Your documents must have an expiration date no more than 60 days before the day you vote. There's an exception for citizenship certificates.
- People with disabilities can apply for a permanent exemption to this requirement. To apply, contact your county voter registration office. Dallas County (214) 819-6300, Harris County (713) 368-2000, Bexar County (210) 335-8683

Your name on your ID must match your name - or be "substantially similar" - on the registered voters list. If your name is different you will have to initial a box at your polling location. Check if your name matches by going to the website of the Texas Secretary of State.

Don't have a valid form of ID listed above? That's ok, you can get a free ID at DPS! Go to a Department of Public Safety office and tell them "I want a FREE Election ID Certificate." You must bring with you:

- Your Birth Certificate
- AND** any Two (2) of the following:
- Social Security card
 - Voter registration card
 - School records
 - Medicare or Medicaid card
 - ID card issued by a government agency
 - Unexpired insurance policy
 - Expired Texas ID