

Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law
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What has changed in the law?

Wisconsin law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote starting with the 2012 February Primary.

In any election before the 2012 February Primary, the law requires election workers to ask voters for an acceptable photo ID at the polling place, but voters without an acceptable photo ID will still be allowed to vote.

An acceptable photo ID will be required before receiving a ballot at the 2012 February Primary and all subsequent elections.

What is an acceptable ID?

An acceptable photo ID is not required to have a current address.

A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended

A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card

A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service

A U.S. passport

Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.

A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented

An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT

An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT

An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin

An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:

-- Date of issuance --

Signature of student --

Expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance

How do I get a free photo ID to vote?

Wisconsin law requires the Department of Transportation to provide free ID cards to any individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election and who requests a free ID for the purpose of voting. The regular fee is \$28.

Due to the need to provide a birth certificate and other documents to receive a DOT-issued ID, individuals should start the process of obtaining a statutory identification well in advance of an election at which they wish to vote.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.