Guide to Voter ID for County Officials

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Voter ID = Vote Texas!

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VIEW SOS Voter ID Election Kit

- Contents:
  - New/Updated Forms
  - Training Materials
  - Posters for Websites, Offices, Polling Locations
  - Mock Press Releases
  - Seminar Presentations
ORDER New Forms

• Voter Registration Forms
  – New Voter Certificates with Disability Exemption Notation
  • 2013 Voter Registration Directive ALREADY SENT to counties!
  – Request for Disability Exemption
Disability Exemption Notation

NOTE:
Designation of (E) next to VUID Number.

Example: 1197099876 (E).
Notice to Voters

A voter must show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter may be accepted for voting: Driver's license, election identification certificate, personal identification card or concealed handgun license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; United States Military identification card that contains the person's photograph; United States citizenship certificate that contains the person's photograph; or a United States passport.

The above identification must be current and not expired, or if expired, then it must have expired no more than 60 days before it is presented for voter qualification at the polling place. Please contact the Secretary of State or your local voter registrar for information concerning limited exceptions to the photo identification requirement for certain voters with disabilities or voters with religious objections to being photographed, and voters affected by certain natural disasters.

Please visit the Secretary of State’s voter information website at www.votetexas.gov or call toll free at 1-800-252-8683. If any information on this certificate changes or is incorrect, correct the information in the space provided below, sign and return this certificate to the voter registrar.

Signature of Voter

I affirm the changes made to the left are correct.

Signature of Voter (Firma del votante)
ORDER New Forms

• NEW Election Forms (Early Voting and Election Day)
  – Polling Location Poster
  – Provisional Voting Notice

• Updated Election Forms (Early Voting and Election Day)
  – Notice to Voters
  – Provisional Ballot Affidavit
  – Early Voting Combination Form
  – Election Day Combination Form
  – Poll List
  – Registration Omissions List
ORDER New Forms

• Post-Election Forms for Voter Registrar
  – List of Voters Providing ID During 6 Day Cure Period
  – Request for Identification Exemption
Similar Name Affidavit

• Included in the new combination forms and poll list. It will NOT be a stand-alone form.
TACK UP Notice to Voters

- The Voter Registrar of counties with websites, **must** provide notice of identification requirements on their websites.
- The County Clerk of **all** counties **must** post the notice in a “prominent location” at the Clerk’s office.
- All counties with websites must post the notice in English and Spanish.
- Harris County must post the notice in Chinese, English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- **Notice.** (Need to edit Spanish translation.)
Photo ID required for Texas Voters

You must now present one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person:

- 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 your photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing your photograph
- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificates, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Exception: Voters with a disability are excused from the need for ID.

Voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and voters who do not have any valid forms of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may execute a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registration office within the 10-day period after election day and sign an affidavit certifying the religious or natural disaster, in order for your ballot to be counted. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.

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Photo ID FAQs
ENVISION New Training & Outreach Plans

• Update County Training Programs
  — SOS will provide new training on “acceptance and handling of the identification presented by a voter to an election officer.”
  — **REQUIRED** for all Election Judges and Clerks.
  — Power Point version available **NOW**!
  — Video version coming later this year.
ENVISION New Training & Outreach Plans

- Review Mock Press Releases.
- Speak with your local newspapers.
- Contemplate use of social media.
TRAIN Election Workers

- Election Judges and Clerks **must** complete training on “acceptance and handling” of IDs.
- Use our Online Pollworker Working.
- Review SOS Handbooks, and other materials.
EDUCATE Voters

• Publish press releases in newspapers.
• If your county uses social media-utilize those avenues for educating voters.
• Contact voters via direct mail.
• Join Us!
XEROX Materials for Supply Centers

- **Polling Places Posters:** We have 11x17 and Legal sized poster for use at polling locations.
- **New/Updated Forms**
  - New voter information notices,
  - New provisional affidavits,
  - New notice to provisional voters,
  - New combination forms/poll lists.
  - New registration omissions list.
Supply Kits

• Don’t forget the rest!!
  – Distance markers
  – Envelopes
ACCEPT & HANDLE Voter IDs – Hold Elections

• Place new posters outside of polling location (with distance markers)
• Setup booths and place new Voter Information Notices in booths.
SUPPLY Materials to Voter Registrar

- Provisional Ballot Affidavits
- Combination Forms
- Registration Omission List
KEEP CALM AND VOTE ON