

NEW LAW: PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR ALL ELECTIONS

ALERT: TEXAS' VOTER ID LAW IS NOW ENFORCEABLE

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: JUNE 26, 2013

Texas' Voter ID Law, passed as S.B. 14 in 2011, is now law. **The new requirements will be in effect for all future elections, including the November 5, 2013 election.**

HOW ELECTIONS WILL CHANGE

Senate Bill 14 created a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. Voters can no longer present their voter registration certificate, or other previously acceptable forms of identification that only showed name/address of the voter.

Here is a list of the new identification requirements:

1. Texas Driver's License issued by the Department of Public Safety ("DPS")
2. Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
3. Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
4. Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by DPS;
5. United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
6. United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph; or
7. United States Passport.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY GO TO THE FOLLOWING SITES:

www.VoteTexas.gov

www.sos.state.tx.us

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/media_and_communications/pr062513a.htm

DPS to Offer Free Voter ID Cards

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Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Tuesday that paves the way for implementation of Texas' voter ID law, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced it will begin processing applications for free voter ID cards this week. On Wednesday, the department will begin issuing so-called "election identification certificates" for qualified voters. Offering the certificates is required by [Senate Bill 14](#), a measure that passed in 2011 but was on hold until Tuesday's decision.

The IDs are free and will be available to voters who do not yet have a viable form of ID, such as a driver's license, a concealed handgun license, a passport or military ID. Applicants must go to a DPS driver's license office to apply and show proof of citizenship. The IDs can only be used to vote, and are not acceptable forms of personal identification for other purposes.

In order to qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens and Texas residents and be eligible to vote in Texas. They must prove it by showing a valid voter registration card or submitting a voter registration application when applying for the card. Most documents will be valid for six years, though they do not expire for citizens 70 or older.

An accepted list of documents that prove citizenship can be found [here](#), and proof of identity documents can be found [here](#).

The free IDs were in response to opponents of voter ID who said thousands of voters would not have access to — or money for — valid IDs. Though they are available for no charge, opponents say obtaining the free IDs will still be difficult for potential voters who live far from DPS offices, or who don't have money to purchase copies of their birth certificates if they don't already have the document.

2014 DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY TO BE HELD MARCH 4, 2014.

THE 2014 DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 4, 2014. YOU CAN OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL BY CONTACTING THE DELTA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 903-395-4400 EXT. 222 DURING THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AND THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL WILL BE FEBRUARY 21, 2014. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, THE LAW PROVIDES THAT A PERSON CAN APPLY FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL ONE TIME COVERING ALL ELECTIONS HELD IN THAT YEAR.

EARLY VOTING IS TO BE HELD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE DELTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18, 2014 AND ENDS FEBRUARY 28, 2014.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2014 (30 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY)

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 903-395-4400 X 222.