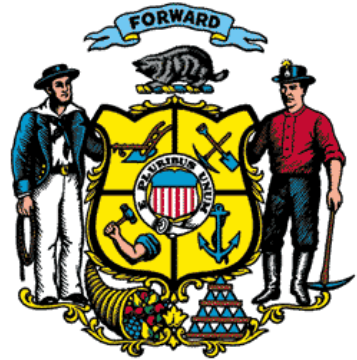


State of Wisconsin  
**Government Accountability Board**



**WISCONSIN  
ACT 23:**



**VOTER PHOTO  
IDENTIFICATION LAW**

**A Resource Guide and Documents  
Regarding Changes to Election Law**



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# Section 1

## Major Impacts



# Major Impacts Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

## Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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| <b>What registration and proof of residence laws have changed?</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The residency requirement has changed from 10 days to 28 consecutive days.</li> <li>➤ An elector can no longer use a corroborating witness to provide proof of residence.</li> <li>➤ There are changes to proof of residency requirements for college and university students. Further information is available on the University or College ID document.</li> <li>➤ A Special Registration Deputy (SRD) can only be appointed by a municipal clerk, and will no longer be appointed as a statewide SRD by the G.A.B. A SRD appointed by a municipal clerk can only register electors within that municipality during open registration (20 days or more before Election Day).</li> <li>➤ Registration ends at 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before Election Day and begins again on Election Day.</li> </ul> |
| <b>What has changed at the polling place?</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Electors must sign a poll list before being issued a ballot. The G.A.B. has determined that a voter will be required to sign only one poll list. Electors who have a physical disability that prevents them from being able to sign the poll list are exempt from this provision.</li> <li>➤ Electors voting at the polling place must show a photo ID in order to vote beginning in 2012.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>What has changed on the ballot?</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Voters will no longer be able to select a straight-party ticket (unless they are Military or Overseas Absentee voters). Instead, each candidate must be selected individually.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>What has changed for absentee voting?</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In-person absentee voting begins the third Monday before the election, and ends at 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, the Friday before the election.</li> <li>➤ During in-person absentee voting, municipal clerks must ask voters to provide a photo ID. No copy of the ID will be made, instead the clerk will mark on the absentee envelope that ID has been provided.</li> <li>➤ Photo ID will be required for mail-in absentee voting, with some exceptions, for elections starting with the 2012 February Primary. Requirements and exceptions can be found in the <u><a href="#">Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law and Absentee Voting</a></u> document posted on the G.A.B. website.</li> <li>➤ Clerks must send absentee ballots electronically if requested by the voter; this is no longer optional.</li> </ul>     |

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.



## Section 2

# Acceptable Forms of Identification



## Acceptable Photo IDs Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

Starting with the 2012 February Primary and all subsequent elections thereafter, Wisconsin Electors must show an acceptable photo ID before receiving and casting a ballot.

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| <p><b>If I already have a driver license or other photo ID, do I have to get a special "Voter ID" card?</b></p> | <p>No. There is no such thing as a separate "Voter ID" card. Instead, other forms of photo ID can be used. <u>If you already have a driver license, you don't need (and cannot get), a state ID card simply in order to vote.</u> Anyone with a valid driver license or state ID card, or any of the documents listed below, already has the photo ID they need for voting purposes.</p>   |
| <p><b>What types of Photo ID are acceptable for voting purposes?</b></p>  | <p><b><u>The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 2, 2010 election):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended</li> <li>➤ A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card</li> <li>➤ Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service</li> <li>➤ A U.S. passport</li> </ul> <p><b><u>The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented</li> <li>➤ A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)</li> <li>➤ An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)</li> <li>➤ An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin</li> <li>➤ A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Date of Issuance</li> <li>-- Signature of Student</li> <li>-- Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance</li> <li>-- The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>What must an acceptable Photo ID for voting purposes include?</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Elector's Photograph<br/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;"><b><i>The photograph must reasonably resemble the elector.</i></b></div> </li> <li>➤ Elector's Name<br/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;"><b><i>The elector's name must conform to the name on their voter registration. Conform does not mean that the name must be identical to the name on the voter registration.</i></b></div> </li> <li>➤ An Expiration Date within the deadlines described previously</li> <li>➤ An Acceptable Photo ID <b><u>does not</u></b> have to include a current address</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>What types of photo IDs are NOT acceptable for voting purposes?</b></p>   | <p><b>The following photo IDs are <u>NOT</u> acceptable for voting purposes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Military Veteran Affairs IDs</li> <li>➤ State or Federal government employee IDs</li> <li>➤ Technical College IDs</li> <li>➤ An out-of-state driver license or identification card</li> <li>➤ Employment IDs</li> <li>➤ Membership or Organization IDs</li> <li>➤ Certificates of Citizenship</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Are there any types of documents without a photo that are acceptable as identification for voting purposes on Election day?</b></p> | <p>Yes. The following documents, which do not contain a photo, can be used for voting purposes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a driver license</b>, which is dated within 60 days of the date of the election. If your driver license has been taken away by law enforcement or a court, you may present written documentation of that fact in order to vote without your photo ID.</li> <li>➤ <b>A Wisconsin DOT identification card without a photo</b>, issued to those electors with a religious objection to being photographed.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Are any electors exempt from showing an acceptable photo ID to vote?</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Confidential electors are always exempt from photo ID requirements.</b> Confidential electors have applied for this status with their municipal clerk, and have presented a court order, a letter from law enforcement, a letter from the staff of a domestic abuse shelter, or the staff of an agency assisting victims of domestic abuse.</li> <li>➤ <b>Military and Overseas voters are not required to present photo ID when they vote by absentee ballot</b>, but if they vote in-person, they must present photo ID.</li> </ul>  |

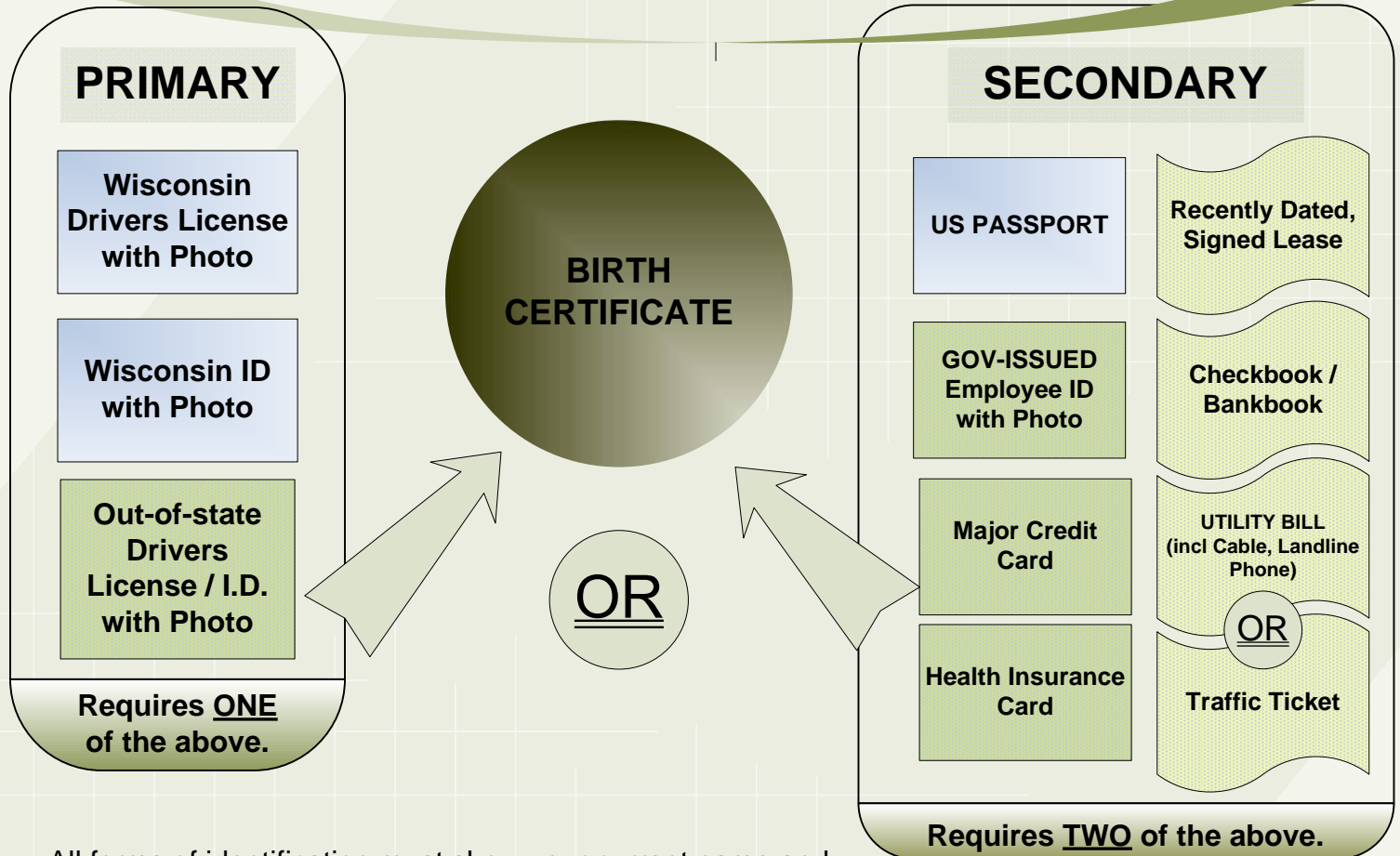
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# Obtaining a Birth Certificate

**Wisconsin Vital Records Office** can only accept applications in person, by mail, or by fax. The office is located at 1 West Wilson Street, Room 158, Madison, Wisconsin. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

## In Person

Identification is required to receive copies of vital records **in person**. The acceptable forms of identification are listed below.



All forms of identification must show your current name and address. Expired cards or documents will not be accepted.

You do not have to present identification if the certificate copies are mailed to you. There is no additional charge for postage.

**Wisconsin Vital Records** office provides both regular service and expedited service for in-person requests.

**Regular Service:** In-person requests for certified copies of birth certificates are completed within two hours of acceptance at our counter if received by 2:00 p.m. Requests received at our counter after 2:00 p.m. will be completed by 10:00 a.m. on the next business day. The first copy of a birth certificate costs \$20.00, plus \$3.00 per additional copy.

**Expedited Service:** Expedited in-person requests for certified copies of birth certificates generally will be completed within 15 to 30 minutes. Expedited requests will not be processed after 4:00 p.m. Expedited requests cost an additional \$20.00 per birth certificate, plus \$3.00 per additional copy.

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## By Mail

Fill out the birth certificate application form available on the web at <http://www.dhs.wi.gov/forms/F0/F05291.pdf>.

Mail the application to:

**Wisconsin Vital Records Office**  
**P.O. Box 309**  
**Madison, WI 53701-0309**

Please include a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope with your request.

The cost for the search, which includes one copy of the record, if found, is \$20.00. Additional copies of the same record, requested at the same time as the first, are \$3.00 each. The fee is not refundable if no record is found. You must enclose a personal check or money order made payable to **Wis. Vital Records**.

Expedited service is not available by mail. If you require expedited service for a copy of a birth certificate, you must apply in person or by fax.

## By Fax

Please use the fax birth certificate application form available on the web at <http://www.dhs.wi.gov/forms/F0/F05292.pdf> or call (608) 266-1373 to have the form faxed to you. Fill out the form and fax it to the number listed on the top of the form.

All requests received by fax will be charged for expedited service. The cost for expedited service is \$20.00 per record in addition to the \$20.00 birth certificate search fee. The search fee includes one copy of the certificate, if found. Additional copies of the same certificate, requested at the same time as the first, are \$3.00 each. All costs must be paid by credit card and there is an additional \$6.00 fee for credit card processing. The fees are not refundable if no record is found.

The certificate can be sent to you by regular mail or overnight United Parcel Service (UPS) Next Day Air.

For additional information on fees and transmission times, visit the Wisconsin Vital Records website or contact their staff by phone.

## By Internet

Online requests can be processed through an independent company that is partnered with Wisconsin counties' Register of Deeds: VitalChek Network, Inc.

Visit: [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com)

An additional fee is charged by VitalChek for this service, and all major credit cards are accepted.

## County Register of Deeds

You can also obtain copies of your birth certificate by contacting the Register of Deeds for your county.

## Out of State Birth Certificates

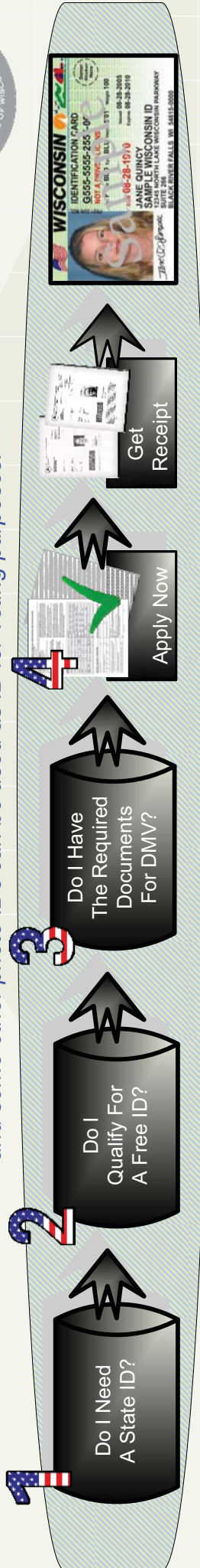
If you were born outside of Wisconsin, you must contact the appropriate agency in the state or county where you were born.

Visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>



# Obtaining a Wisconsin State ID Card for FREE

Wisconsin does not issue a separate "Voter ID" card. Driver Licenses, State IDs, and some other photo IDs can be used as ID for voting purposes.



**Do You Have One of These Documents?**  
If so, you already have what you need to vote. You don't need a State ID Card.

|                                |                                  |   |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| DRIVER**<br>LICENSE            | WI STATE ID**                    | US PASSPORT**<br>(Book or Card)             |
| DRIVER %<br>LICENSE<br>Receipt | WI STATE ID %<br>Receipt         | ARMED FORCES<br>ID CARD**                   |
| ACCEPTED<br>STUDENT ID         | CERTIFICATE OF<br>NATURALIZATION | FEDERALLY**<br>RECOGNIZED<br>TRIBAL ID CARD |

\*\* Accepted documents should be unexpired or if expired have expired after the date of the most recent general election: currently, **November 2, 2010**

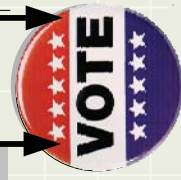
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**WI Driver License & State ID Card Receipts are acceptable IDs for voting purposes**

**Do You Meet These Requirements for a FREE State ID for voting purposes?**  
If not, you cannot receive a Free State ID Card.

**Wisconsin Residents Who Qualify**

- Must be at least 18 yrs of age on the date of the next election
- Do not currently have a valid, unexpired WI Driver License (DL)
- Do not have a WI State ID card that is not eligible for renewal (State ID cards may be renewed up to 1 yr prior to its expiration date)
- Eligible to vote in Wisconsin



**Valid out-of-state driver licenses must be surrendered when obtaining a FREE State ID Card.**

You are not eligible to receive a State ID card for free

**3** You must have one document from each column to obtain a FREE State ID For Voting Purposes. Here's what must be brought to the DMV.

| Name & Date of Birth  | Legal Presence  | Identity  | Wisconsin Residency                       |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIRTH CERTIFICATE (certified)                                   | BIRTH CERTIFICATE (certified)                                   | CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE (Copy)                                  | PAY STUB                                  |
| CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP                                      | CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP                                      | CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE  | MORTGAGE DOCUMENTS                        |
| DRIVER LICENSE (Other U.S.)                                     | FOREIGN PASSPORT (valid)  | DRIVER LICENSE (Other U.S.)                                     | UTILITY BILL (incl Cable, Landline Phone) |
| FOREIGN PASSPORT (valid)  | TSA WORKER ID (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) | STATE ID CARD (Other U.S.)                                      | DEPT OF CORRECTION DOC                    |
| TSA WORKER ID (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) |   | TSA WORKER ID (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) | EMPLOYEE PHOTO ID                         |
| ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE RECORD                                      |   | MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS + DD-214                              | INSURANCE POLICY                          |
| COURT ORDER: Adoption, Divorce Name or Gender                   |   | U.S. GOV & MILITARY DEPENDENT CARD                              | FINANCIAL INSTITUTION STATEMENT           |
|   |   | SOCIAL SECURITY CARD  | COLLEGE ENROLL DOC                        |
|   |   | Under 18 LEGAL GUARDIAN WI ID CARD                              | CERTIFIED SCHOOL RECORD                   |
|   |   |   | GOV-ISSUED CORRESPONDENCE                 |

**You do not have to show your Social Security Card, but must provide the number.**

Documents presented as proof must be original. Photocopies unless otherwise indicated are not acceptable.

Documents with a photograph of a person will be accepted only when the person is readily recognizable from the photograph.

- Complete the application: **Wisconsin Driver License (DL)/Identification Card (ID)**
- Don't forget to check the boxes shown below.

**For ID Applicants Only** – I certify that I am a United States citizen, will be at least 18 years of age by the next election and require a Wisconsin Identification Card (ID) for free in order to vote.

Once documentation is accepted the FREE State ID Card is processed and mailed. A WI State ID Card Receipt is issued. The WI State ID Card Receipt is an acceptable ID for voting purposes.

For further information on obtaining a DMV-issued State ID Card, call: (608) 266-2353 (prompts 4,1,1,4)  
 For further questions: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov> SEARCH: "Obtaining an identification (ID) card"

One Document Can Satisfy Multiple Columns

One acceptable document can be used as proof in multiple categories. Proof in each category does not mean four different acceptable documents.

Original Documents of Proof

The DMV will decline to accept any acceptable document presented if it has reason to suspect the authenticity of the document. Questionable documents may require additional review.

The same documents are required when applying for a Driver License.





## Wisconsin Drivers License (DL)

Accepted Voter Identification

### Who is included?

#### New Wisconsin Drivers

Complete the application:

#### Wisconsin Driver License (DL)/Identification Card (ID).

When applying for an original (first) Wisconsin driver license documents must be presented that prove: your name, date of birth, legal presence, identity and Wisconsin residency. A list of acceptable documents of proof are on the backside of this page.

Valid out-of-state drivers licenses must be surrendered when obtaining a Wisconsin Drivers License.

### Voter ID Law

**WHEN USING A WISCONSIN DRIVERS LICENSE TO VOTE A SEPARATE WI STATE ID IS NOT REQUIRED.**

The WI Driver License is a statutory photo ID that can be used as proof of identification to vote. The WI Driver License should be unexpired, or if expired have expired after the date of the most recent general election: currently, **November 2, 2010**.

Regular Wisconsin Driver license costs \$34 (renewable in 8 yrs)

### What does it look like?



### Who can I contact?

#### WI Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

To find the nearest service center issuing drivers licenses call (608) 264-7447 or visit: <http://dot.wi.gov/about/locate/dmv/scmap.htm>

#### For More Details on Applying

Visit Wisconsin Department of Transportation-DMV website

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/index.htm>

# Acceptable Documents of Proof

### Name & Date of Birth

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|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| ARMED FORCES ID CARD          | US PASSPORT                                   | TRIBAL ID CARD             |
| BIRTH CERTIFICATE (certified) | CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION                 | CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP |
| DRIVER LICENSE (Other U.S.)   | FOREIGN PASSPORT                              | TSA WORKER ID              |
| ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE RECORD    | COURT ORDER: Adoption, Divorce Name or Gender |                            |

### Wisconsin Residency

|   |                   |                        |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| GOV-ISSUED CORRESPONDENCE                 |                   |                        |
| CERTIFIED SCHOOL RECORD                   | PAY STUB          | DEPT OF CORRECTION DOC |
| MORTGAGE DOCUMENTS                        | INSURANCE POLICY  | COLLEGE ENROLL DOC     |
| UTILITY BILL (incl Cable, Landline Phone) | EMPLOYEE PHOTO ID | BANK STATEMENT         |

### Identity

|                                    |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| U.S. GOV & MILITARY DEPENDENT CARD | CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE             | Under 18 LEGAL GUARDIAN WI ID CARD |
| SOCIAL SECURITY CARD               | CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE (Copy)     | TSA WORKER ID                      |
| STATE ID CARD (Other U.S.)         | MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS + DD-214 | DRIVER LICENSE (Other U.S.)        |

### Legal Presence

|                               |                               |               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| SOCIAL SECURITY CARD          | CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION | US PASSPORT   |
| BIRTH CERTIFICATE (certified) | CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP    | TSA WORKER ID |
| FOREIGN PASSPORT              |                               |               |

## Original Documents of Proof

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## One Document Can Satisfy Multiple Categories

One acceptable document can be used as proof in multiple categories. Proof in each category does not mean four different acceptable documents.

Once documentation is accepted the Drivers License is processed and mailed. A Drivers License Receipt is issued. The Drivers License Receipt is an acceptable ID for voting purposes.

Request is processed within TWO days and the product is then shipped via USPS.

Drivers License Receipt

**WISCONSIN  
DRIVERS  
LICENSE**

This information is for obtaining a DMV-issued Wisconsin Drivers License;  
For further questions: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov> SEARCH: "Application for a driver license"



# Wisconsin State ID Card (ID)

Accepted Voter Identification

## Who is included?

New Wisconsin Residents

Complete the application:

**Wisconsin Driver License (DL)/Identification Card (ID).**

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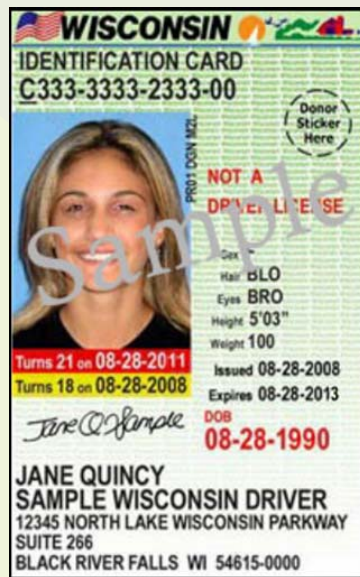
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Regular Wisconsin State ID Card costs \$28 (renewable in 8 yrs)



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### For More Details

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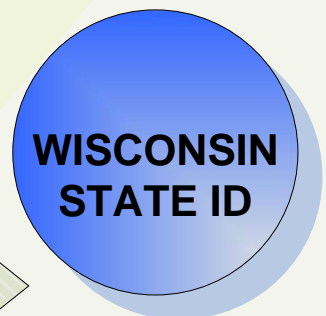
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**WI State ID Card Receipt**



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**Wisconsin Drivers License Receipt**  
**Wisconsin State ID Receipt**  
 Accepted Voter Identification

**Who is included?**

**Wisconsin Residents Who Have Applied for a Driver License or State ID Card**

A paper receipt will be issued at the WI Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office once all the required steps are completed.

- The new license or ID card will be sent by US Postal Service within the next 2-3 weeks.
- A receipt is issued to any applicant for a license, and the receipt acts as a temporary license to operate a motor vehicle while the application for license is being processed

**Voter ID Law**

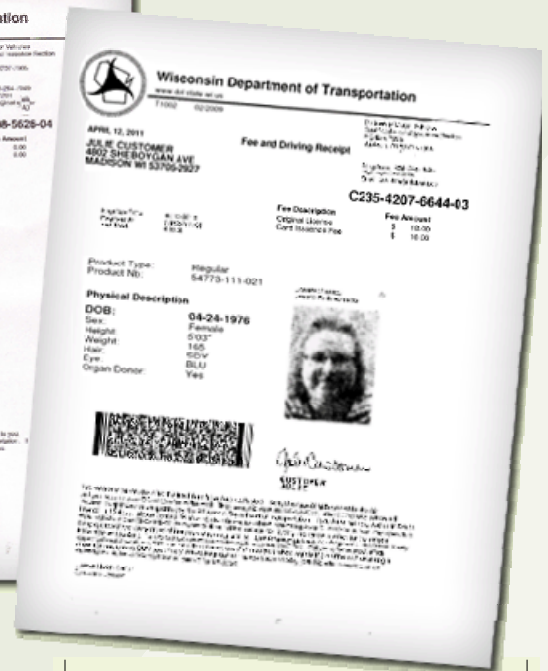
**The Driver License Receipt and The Wisconsin State ID Receipt are statutory photo IDs that can be used as proof of identification to vote.**

These receipts must not be expired on the date of the election.

**What does it look like ?**

**Substitute Receipt**

If you attempt to renew your Driver License or State ID Card, but cannot because the computerized driver system is not operational, the pictured receipt cannot be printed. The DMV will issue a validation stamp reading: "Valid for 60 days from stamped date." This validation stamp extends the expiration date of your Driver License or State ID Card For another 60 days. You will have to renew it later.



**Who can I contact ?**

**WI Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**

To find more information concerning drivers license or state card ID receipts call (608) 264-7447.

or visit [www.dot.state.wi.us](http://www.dot.state.wi.us)

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The temporary license or card receipt is to be valid for a period not to exceed 45 days.





## Wisconsin State ID Without Photo Accepted Voter Identification

### Who is included?

#### Wisconsin Residents With a Sincere Religious Belief Against Being Photographed who Apply for a State ID Card

If you wish to obtain an ID for voting purposes, but have spiritual beliefs which prevent you from being photographed, you can receive a State ID card without a photo at any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office.

- You must provide the same documentation to the DMV as any other person requesting a State ID card. This includes proof of identity, legal presence, name and date of birth, and residency.
- You must also file an affidavit which states that you have a sincere religious belief against being photographed. You must also identify the religion to which you belong or the tenets of which you adhere to; and state that the tenets of the religion prohibit you from being photographed. The affidavit is available at any DMV service center. You should request it from DMV staff.
- You may receive this ID for free if you check the appropriate box on the application form.
- As long as your new ID contains your current address, you may also use it as proof of residence in order to register. If your ID does not contain your current address, and you need to register, you must provide another form of proof of residence.

### Voter ID Law

**THE WI STATE ID CARD WITHOUT A PHOTO IS A STATUTORY ID THAT CAN BE USED AS PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE.**

For voting purposes, this document must be unexpired or if expired have expired after the date of the most recent general election: currently, **November 2, 2010**

### What does it look like?



### Who can I contact?

#### WI Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

To find more information concerning drivers license or state card ID receipts call (608) 264-7447.

or visit [www.dot.state.wi.us](http://www.dot.state.wi.us)

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## U.S. Passport (Book & Card)

### Accepted Voter Identification

## Who is included ?

### Wisconsin Residents

When applying for an original (first) U.S. Passport you must:

- Apply in-person at a U.S. Regional Passport Agency
- Complete and Submit the **Application for a U.S. Passport**
- Submit proof of U.S. Citizenship and Identification\*  
\*see back for more details
- Pay applicable fee
- Provide one passport-ready photo

Must be renewed whenever a legal name change occurs.

## Voter ID Law

**WHEN USING A U.S. PASSPORT TO VOTE A SEPARATE WI STATE ID IS NOT REQUIRED.**

The U.S. Passport is a statutory photo ID that can be used as proof of identification to vote. The U.S. Passport document should be unexpired, or if expired have expired after the date of the most recent general election: currently, **November 2, 2010**

## What does it look like ?



Book



Card

## Who can I contact ?

### U.S. Regional Passport Agency or Service Center

To locate the nearest agency or service center call 1-877-487-2778 or visit:

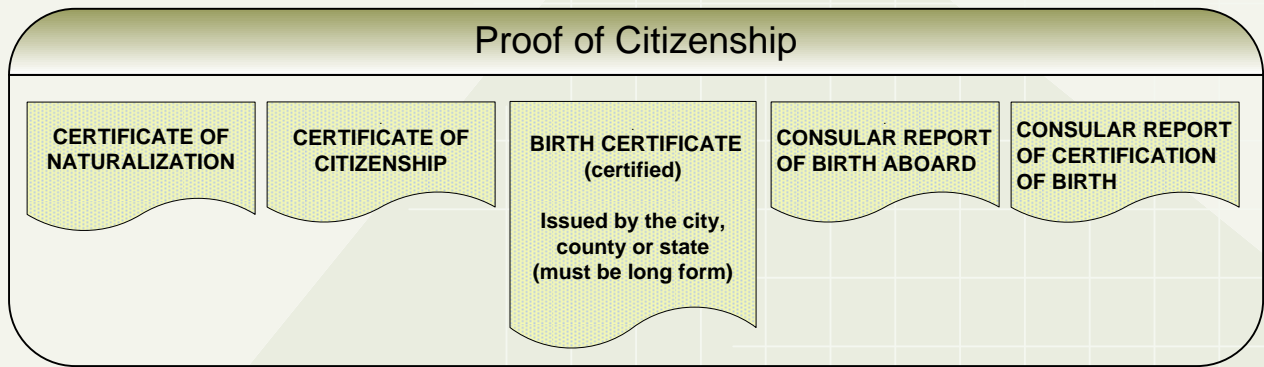
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/npic/agencies/agencies\\_913.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/npic/agencies/agencies_913.html)

Passport Book \$110\* + \$25\*  
Passport Card \$30\* + \$25\*  
(both renewable in 15 yrs)

\*Prices subject to change.  
\*For renewals \$25 fee is waived.

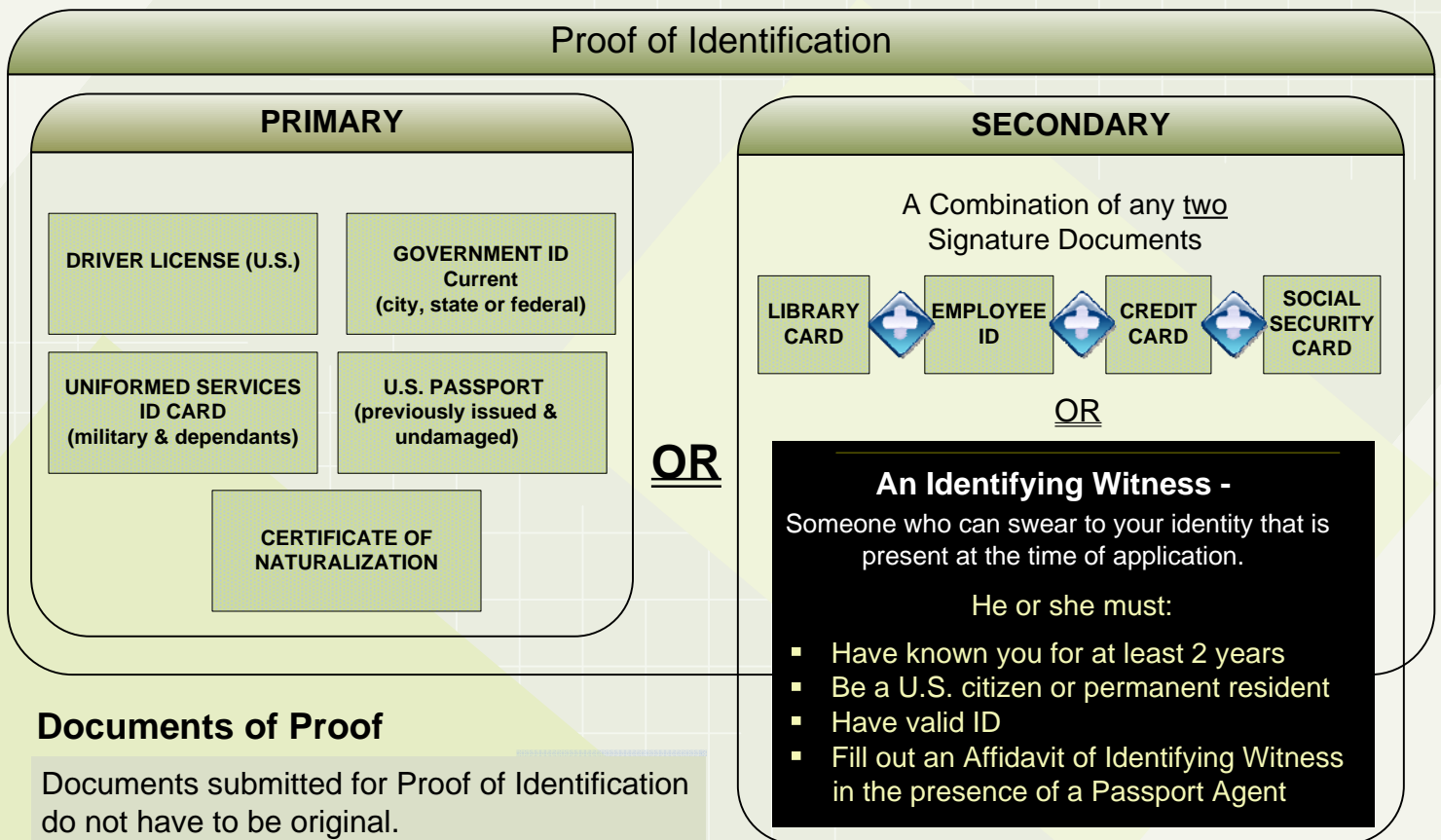
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees\\_837.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees_837.html)

# Acceptable Documents for Obtaining a Passport



## Original Documents

Documents showing Proof of Citizenship must be original. All documentation will be returned with your newly issued passport or in a separate mailing.



## Documents of Proof

Documents submitted for Proof of Identification do not have to be original.

Only Proof of Identification  
photocopies  
are acceptable.

This information is for obtaining a Federally-issued U.S. Passport:

For further questions: <http://travel.state.gov/passport> or call: 1-877-487-2778.



## US Uniformed Service

Accepted Voter Identification

### Who is included?

#### ID RECIPIENTS

- US Air Force
- US Army
- US Marine Corps
- US Navy
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- US Public Health Services
- US Coast Guard
- Spouses or Dependents of Service Members

### Voter ID Law

**WHEN USING A US UNIFORMED SERVICE ID TO VOTE A SEPARATE WI STATE ID IS NOT REQUIRED.**

A US Uniformed Service ID is a statutory photo ID that can be used as proof of identification to vote. Accepted US Uniformed Service IDs should be unexpired, or if expired have expired after the date of the most recent general election: currently, **November 2, 2010.**

### Absentee Ballots

Military persons who vote by absentee ballot are exempt from providing Voter ID.

### What does it look like?



### Who can I contact?

Wisconsin Homeland Security Council  
ATTN: WING-LGL  
2400 Wright Street  
PO Box 14587  
Madison, WI 53708-0587  
(608) 242-3075

### Military Veterans

Veteran IDs are not acceptable forms of photo IDs for voting purposes. Veterans must provide another type of identification.





# Certificate of U.S. Naturalization

## Accepted Voter Identification

**In Wisconsin, only U.S. Citizens are eligible to vote. You may not vote until the citizenship process is complete.**

### Who is included?

#### Recent U.S. Citizens in Wisconsin

When applying for a Certificate of U.S. Naturalization:

- Complete and Submit **N400 Application**
- Send a photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card
- Send 2 identical color photographs, with your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) written lightly in pencil on the back of each photo\*
- Other documents depending on the circumstances\*
- Pay applicable fee. A check or money order for the application fee and the biometrics services fee for fingerprinting
- Write your A-Number on the back of the check or money order

\*Search "Guide to Naturalization" on the [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

### Voter ID Law

**WHEN USING A CERTIFICATE OF U.S. NATURALIZATION TO VOTE A SEPARATE WI STATE ID IS NOT REQUIRED.**

The Certificate of U.S. Naturalization is a statutory photo ID that can be used as proof of identification to vote. The Certificate of U.S. Naturalization must be issued no earlier than 2 years before the date of the election: **November 2, 2010.**

#### Who May Not File This Form?

In certain cases, a person who was born outside of the United States to U.S. citizen parents is already a citizen and does not need to apply for naturalization. To find out more information about this type of naturalization. To find out more information about this type of citizenship and whether you should file Form N-600. Application for Certification of Citizenship, read the [Guide](#).\*

Other permanent residents under 18 years of age may be eligible for U.S. citizenship if their U.S. citizen parent or parents file a Form N-600 application on their behalf. For more information, see "Frequently Asked Questions" in the [Guide](#)

\*Search "Guide to Naturalization" on the [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

### What does it look like?



### Who can I contact?

**The Certificate can be obtained from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).**

To locate the nearest USCIS field office contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

or visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

Certificate of U.S. Naturalization total cost is \$680\*

- \$595 Filing
- \$85 Biometric fees
- \*Prices subject to change.

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees\\_837.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/fees/fees_837.html)





# Federally-Recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribal ID Card

Accepted Voter Identification

## Voter ID Law

### Who is included?

#### Full Members of One of These Tribes

- Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Forest County Potawatomi Community
- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa\*
- Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Menominee Indian Tribe
- Oneida Tribe of Indians
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- Stockbridge Munsee Community
- St. Croix Chippewa Indians

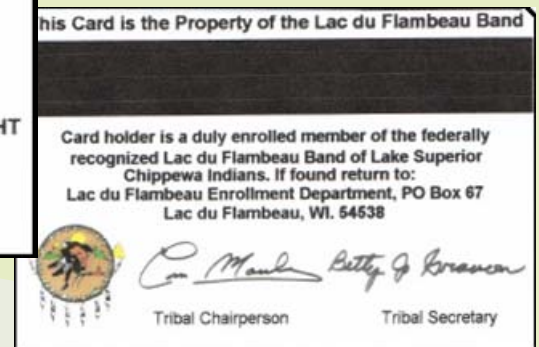
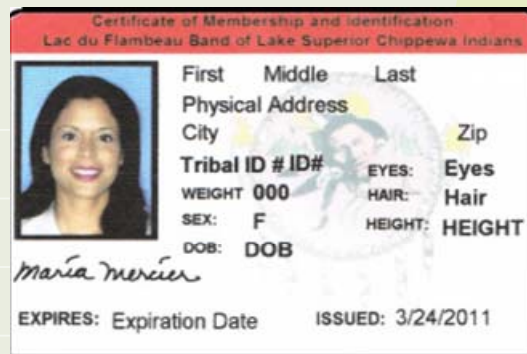
\* Band from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe living in Wisconsin

**WHEN USING A FEDERALLY - RECOGNIZED TRIBAL ID TO VOTE A SEPARATE WI STATE ID IS NOT REQUIRED.**

A Federally-Recognized Indian Tribal ID Card is a statutory photo ID that can be used as proof of identification to vote.



### What does it look like?



### Who can I contact?

#### Your local tribe or Great Lakes Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs

916 West Lake Shore Drive  
Ashland, WI 54806-1357  
Phone: (715) 682-4527 Fax: (715) 682-8897

#### Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council

2932 Highway 47 N.  
P.O. Box 9  
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538  
Phone: 715-588-3324 Fax: 715-588-7900  
Email: [glitc@glitc.org](mailto:glitc@glitc.org)





# University or College Student ID

## Accepted Voter Identification

### Who is included?

#### Accredited Wisconsin University or College Students

- All State 2 and 4-year Universities and Colleges in the Wisconsin System
- Accredited Private 2 and 4-year University or Colleges
- Technical College student IDs are NOT acceptable
- A list of accredited Wisconsin institutions which may issue acceptable student ID cards can be found on the G.A.B. Website – <http://gab.wi.gov>

### Voter ID Law

**WHEN USING A VALID UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE ID TO VOTE, A SEPARATE WI STATE ID IS NOT REQUIRED.**

### What does it look like?



#### Required Elements of a Valid Student ID

##### The University or College ID must contain:

- The student's name
- The student's signature
- The student's photo
- The date the card is issued
- The date the card expires\*
- The card must not be expired

\*which cannot be more than 2 years after the date the card is issued.

### Who can I contact?

Contact the Department of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Students at your institution.

**Any student ID must also be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment to be valid for voting purposes. Examples of proof of enrollment include:**

- Tuition Fee Receipt
- A University or College-issued letter that verifies the Student's enrollment
- A university or college housing list provided by the school to the municipal clerk. The clerk or election officials can use this list (if it has been provided) to verify a student's proof of enrollment.
- Other documents issued by the college or university may also qualify as proof of enrollment

### What if the student ID does not comply?

If your college or university ID does not qualify as acceptable photo ID, you can use any of the following as a photo ID for voting purposes:

- WI Driver License or State ID Card
- US Passport
- Armed Forces ID Card
- Indian Tribal ID Card
- Certificate of Naturalization
- WI Driver License or State ID Card Receipts

# Proof of Residence for College and University Students

## What is the difference between proof of residence and photo ID?

- Proof of residence documents show your current address. A variety of documents can be used, and they do not always have to have a photo. Proof of residence is required to register before you vote
- Photo identification shows you are who you say you are. Photo ID documents must have a picture, but do not have to include a current address. Photo ID is required to receive a ballot and vote
- Some documents have both a photo and a current address, and qualify as proof of residence and photo ID

## The College or University ID can be used as Proof of Residence as long as it is accompanied with one of the following documents:

- A fee receipt issued by the institution that includes the student's address that is issued no earlier than nine months before the date of the election
- A certified housing list provided by a public institution to local election officials as long as the list contains the student's address & verifies U.S. citizenship
- A letter issued by a Public University or Public College which verifies the student's campus residence as well as the student's enrollment

## These other documents also can be used as Proof of Residence:

- Paycheck
- Bank Statement. Electronic statements are acceptable only if printed  
A current and valid Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin Identification Card
- A University, College or Technical Institute fee card or Identification card (must include photo)
- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (Utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Electronic Statements are acceptable only if printed
- Any identification card or license issued by an employer in the normal course of business that contains a photo of the cardholder or license holder, but not including a business card
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year proceeding the date of the election.
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body or unit  
An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes
- Residential lease (Not valid if registering by mail)



## Section 3

# Registration & Proof of Residence



# Voter Registration

## Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Photo ID is never required when registering to vote.</u> However, proof of residence may still be required.</li> <li>➤ As of June 2011, Wisconsin law requires that voters reside at their new address for 28 consecutive days before registering. Voters who have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election must vote from their previous address, either by absentee ballot or at the polling place. Voters who have moved to Wisconsin from another state less than 28 days before an election will not be eligible to vote.</li> <li>➤ As of June 2011, Wisconsin law no longer allows a “corroborating witness” to provide proof of residence. See the “Proof of Residence and Wisconsin’s New Voter Photo ID Law” document for more details.</li> <li>➤ As of June 2011, voters may no longer register in the clerk’s office after the Friday before the election. Voters may still register at the polling place on Election Day.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>How and when may I register to vote?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>By mail</b> up to 20 days before the election. Registration forms should be mailed to your municipal clerk. Forms are available at the G.A.B. website, or the Voter Public Access website, <a href="http://vpa.wi.gov">http://vpa.wi.gov</a>. These forms must be printed, signed, and mailed to the clerk. If you are a first time voter in the State of Wisconsin, and you register by mail, you must provide proof of residence.</li> <li>➤ <b>By Special Registration Deputy (SRDs)</b> – As of June 2011, the G.A.B. can no longer train statewide SRDs, so SRDs will be trained by some municipalities to collect voter registration forms in that municipality only. Those SRDs must turn in all registration forms by 5:00 pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> day before the election and cannot collect registrations less than 20 days before an election. If you register with a Special Registration Deputy, you are not required to provide proof of residence.</li> <li>➤ <b>In the municipal clerk’s office during the open registration period.</b> If you register with the municipal clerk 20 days or more before the election, you are not required to provide proof of residence.</li> <li>➤ <b>In the municipal clerk’s office during the closed registration period.</b> If you register in the clerk’s office less than 20 days before the election, you must provide proof of residence. Registration ends the Friday before the election.</li> <li>➤ <b>At the polling place on Election Day.</b> All electors who register on Election Day must provide proof of residence. In order to cast a ballot, voters must also show photo ID.</li> </ul> |

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.

# Proof of Residence Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

## Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>                         | <p>As of June 2011, Wisconsin law no longer allows “corroborating witnesses” to provide proof of residence. Voters who are required to provide proof of residence <b>must</b> provide one of the documents listed below.</p>  |
| <p><b>When must proof of residence be provided?</b></p>            | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Voters must provide proof of residence if they are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) First-time registrants in Wisconsin, and they are registering by mail.</li> <li>2) Registering in the clerk’s office during the “Closed Registration” period less than 20 days before the election.</li> <li>3) Registering at the polls on Election Day.</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>What is acceptable proof of residence?</b></p>               | <p><b>All proof of residence documents must include the voter’s current address.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A current and valid Wisconsin driver license or identification card.</li> <li>➤ Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.</li> <li>➤ Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.</li> <li>➤ A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.</li> <li>➤ A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) <b>ONLY</b> if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.</li> <li>➤ A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Electronic statements may be used only if printed.</li> <li>➤ Bank statement. Electronic statements may be used only if printed.</li> <li>➤ Paycheck.</li> <li>➤ A check or other document issued by a unit of government.</li> <li>➤ An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual’s residence for voting purposes.</li> <li>➤ Residential lease. (Not valid if registering by mail.)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Will my Photo ID always count as proof of residence?</b></p> | <p>Most documents that qualify as photo identification will also qualify as proof of residence, if they contain the voter’s current address.</p> <p>However, only a <u>current and valid</u> (unexpired) driver license or state ID card with the voter’s current address qualifies as <b>proof of residence</b>. For <b>proof of identification</b>, you may use a driver license or state ID card that has expired since the date of the most recent November general election, whether or not it contains a current address. The same is true for passports, military ID cards, and tribal IDs.</p>  |

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## Section 4

# Election Day & Absentee Voting



# Election Day Voting

## Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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| <p><b>What should I expect on Election Day?</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Remember to bring acceptable photo ID to the polling place. You should also bring along proof of residence, in case you need to register at the polls.</li><li>2) Voters should have their photo ID ready when they enter the polling place.</li><li>3) Check with the greeter, if that polling place has one. Greeters will usually be able to verify if you are already registered or need to fill out a new registration. If the polling place covers multiple wards, the greeter will be able to direct voters to the correct line.</li><li>4) Fill out a new registration form if necessary. Newly registering voters will have to provide proof of residence. You do not necessarily have to show your photo ID when registering, but you will have to show photo ID before being issued a ballot.</li><li>5) Poll workers will ask you to state your name and address. This is not a new requirement of the voter photo ID law. It has always been a requirement.</li><li>6) Poll workers will ask you to show your photo ID.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The photo ID must be one of the acceptable documents specified by law.</li><li>• The photo ID must be current. For driver licenses and state ID cards, military IDs, and passports, they can be expired, if they expired since the last November general election – no more than two years ago.</li><li>• A voter's photo ID must reasonably resemble that voter.</li><li>• The name on the photo ID must conform to the voter's name on the poll list. An exact match is not necessary. For example, Bob conforms to Robert, Sue conforms to Susan, and Smith-Jones conforms to Smith if the voter has recently been married.</li></ul></li><li>7) Poll workers will ask you to sign the poll list. If you are unable to sign because of a physical disability, you are exempt from this requirement. You should inform a poll worker that you are unable to sign.</li><li>8) Poll workers write the Election Day Voter Number in the poll list, and issue the voter a ballot.</li><li>9) If you do not have a photo ID, you are allowed to vote by provisional ballot. You can bring your photo ID to the polling place later that day. You may also present your photo ID to the municipal clerk in person, or provide a copy of your photo ID to the municipal clerk by 4 p.m. the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after Election Day (Friday). If you provide photo ID by the deadline, the ballot will count. If you don't provide photo ID by the deadline, your ballot will not count.</li></ol> <p><b>Please be understanding and kind to the poll workers!</b></p> |
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# Absentee Voting Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of June 2011, Wisconsin law restricts absentee voting <i>in the clerk's office</i> to a two week period, beginning the third Monday before the election and ending the Friday before the election. Voters may no longer register, or vote absentee, on the weekend or the Monday before the election.</li> <li>➤ As of January 1, 2012, a valid photo ID, or acceptable substitute, must be provided when voting by absentee ballot, unless you are part of a group exempted by statute.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>How do I know if I am exempt from the photo ID requirement?</b></p>          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Groups that are exempt from providing photo ID:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Military voters are exempt only if they vote by absentee ballot.</b> This includes any member of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Federal Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, member of the merchant marine, peace corps volunteers, civilian employees of the U.S. serving outside the U.S., and their spouses and dependents.</li> <li>➤ <b>Overseas voters are exempt only if they vote by absentee ballot.</b> Overseas voters are persons who resided in your municipality and have left the United States permanently with no intent to return. This may include dependents over the age of 18 whose parents' last residence was in Wisconsin. Note that <u>if you are temporarily overseas</u>, and you have intent to return, you are not considered an overseas voter, and <u>you must provide proof of ID</u> with your absentee application or ballot.</li> <li>➤ <b>Confidential Electors.</b> Must have made a written request for confidential status to their municipal clerk. Must also have presented a court order, a letter from law enforcement, a letter from the staff of a domestic abuse shelter, or a letter from the staff of an agency assisting victims of domestic abuse, to the clerk.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>What groups may provide a substitute document instead of a Photo ID?</b></p> | <p><b>Groups that may provide a substitute document with their absentee ballots:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Indefinitely confined electors</b> (permanent absentees) may provide a copy of their photo ID, but the witness certification on the absentee envelope will qualify as a substitute proof of ID.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voters in care facilities visited by Special Voting Deputies</b> (usually <b>nursing homes</b>) may provide a copy of their photo ID, but the witness certification, if signed by both Special Voting Deputies, qualifies as a substitute proof of ID.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voters in other care facilities</b> that are eligible for Special Voting Deputy procedures, but are <b>not visited by Special Voting Deputies</b>, may provide a copy of their photo ID or a certification statement signed by an authorized representative of the facility and <u>also</u> the absentee ballot witness. If the voter is indefinitely confined, the witness certification on the absentee envelope will also qualify as a substitute proof of ID.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(continued on next page)</b></p>   |

## Absentee Voting Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

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| <p><b>What groups must provide photo ID with their absentee applications or ballots?</b></p>                                 | <p><b>Groups that must provide photo ID with their absentee applications or ballots:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Regular absentee voters requesting a ballot by mail</b> must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request. Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).</li> <li>➤ <b>Regular absentee voters requesting a ballot by email or fax</b> may provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request, but are not required to. If a copy of their photo ID is not provided with the absentee ballot request, these voters must provide a copy of their photo ID with their returned absentee ballot. Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).</li> <li>➤ <b>In-person voters in the clerk's office</b> must show their photo ID to the clerk or staff. The staff member will initial the absentee envelope to indicate the voter provided proof of ID. In-person absentee voters must always show their ID, even if they have already provided a copy of their ID to the municipal clerk.</li> <li>➤ <b>Electors that have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election</b> must vote from their previous address. They may vote at the polling place for their previous address, or by absentee ballot in the municipality of their previous address. Photo ID requirements vary based on whether they meet an exception listed above, and how they request a ballot.</li> <li>➤ <b>Presidential-only electors, hospitalized electors, and sequestered jurors</b> have special absentee voting requirements. They should contact their municipal clerk for assistance.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>What happens if I don't submit my proof of ID or acceptable substitute with my absentee application or ballot?</b></p> | <p>Voters who are required to submit proof of ID with their absentee application, but do not, will not be sent an absentee ballot.</p> <p>Voters who are required to submit proof of ID with their absentee ballot, but do not, will have their absentee ballot converted into a provisional ballot on Election Day. These voters will have until the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the election, Friday, at 4:00 p.m., to submit the required proof of ID to their municipal clerk. If the proof of ID is received by the deadline, their ballot will be counted. If proof of ID is not received by the deadline, the ballot will not count. Voters can check the status of their provisional ballots by contacting their municipal clerk, or checking the Voter Public Access website at <a href="http://vpa.wi.gov">http://vpa.wi.gov</a>.</p>  |

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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION/CERTIFICATION**

*Voter: Complete the information below and sign the certification in the presence of a witness who must also sign.*

**CERTIFICATION OF VOTER**

I certify, subject to the penalties of §.12.60(1)(b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, that I am a resident of the ward of the municipality in the county of Wisconsin indicated above, and am entitled to vote in the ward at the election indicated above; that I am not voting at any other location in this election; that I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the ward on election day, or I have changed my residence within the state from one ward to another later than 28 days before the election. I certify that I exhibited the enclosed ballot, unmarked, to the witness, that I then in the presence of the witness and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and sealed the ballot in this envelope in a manner that no one but myself and any person providing assistance under §.6.87(5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance, could know how I voted. I further certify that I requested this ballot.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Voter \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year

**MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY:** I further certify my birth date is \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year of birth

**CERTIFICATION OF WITNESS**

I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of §.12.60(1)(b), Wis. Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. Citizen and that the above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as stated. I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the voter to vote for or against any candidate or measure. I further certify that the name and address of the voter is correct as shown.

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**Signature of one Witness** (who is an adult U.S. Citizen (If witnesses are Special Voting Deputies, **both** must sign.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Address of Witness(es)** (street number or fire number and street, or rural route and box number; municipality, state and zip code.)

**CERTIFICATION OF CARE FACILITY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

I certify I am an authorized representative of the facility listed. I further certify that this facility is registered or certified as required by law and verify that the voter whose name and address are listed on this envelope is a resident of this facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Authorized Representative  
**(CERTIFICATION OF WITNESS section must also be completed.)**

**This is only a sample of the absentee envelope for discussion purposes.  
 The design is not yet complete, and may change.**

*Voter has met Photo ID requirement. Municipal or Deputy Clerk initial here: \_\_\_\_\_*

▼ **Municipal Clerk:** Address label may be affixed below. ▼

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| Date of Election (month, day, year)  | County                   |
| Municipality (check type and list name) Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> of  |                          |
| Ward #   | District (if applicable) |
| Name (Last, First, Middle) including suffix  |                          |
| Street Address – include street number or fire number and name of street, or rural route and box number  |                          |
| City, State, Zip   |                          |
| <p><b>ELECTION INSPECTORS</b></p> <p>Proof of ID <u>must</u> accompany this ballot <b>ONLY</b> if one of the boxes below is checked:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voter is not exempt from the ID requirement. Absentee ballot application was faxed or emailed. Photo ID has not been submitted previously or with application. <i>A copy of Photo ID must be enclosed in this envelope.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voter is resident of Care Facility but is not indefinitely confined. ID has not been previously provided.</p> <p>➤ <i>A copy of Photo ID must be enclosed in this envelope, OR</i></p> <p>➤ <i>The Certification of Care Facility Authorized Representative section of this envelope must be completed (as well as the Certification of Witness section).</i></p> |                          |



## Section 5

# Impacts on Various Groups



# The Elderly and Voters with Disabilities Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of June, 2011, people who vote at the polling place must sign the poll list. However, voters who are unable to sign because of a physical disability are exempt from this requirement.</li> <li>➤ Wisconsin law requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote at the polling place starting in 2012.</li> <li>➤ As of January 1, 2012, a valid photo ID, or acceptable substitute, must be provided when voting by absentee ballot, unless you are part of a group exempted by statute. Voters who are indefinitely confined, or who reside in nursing homes or other residential facilities, can meet photo ID requirements without providing a copy of their photo ID.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>When must I provide a photo ID with my absentee application or ballot, and when are substitute documents acceptable?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Indefinitely confined electors</b> (permanent absentees) may provide a copy of their photo ID, but the witness certification on the absentee envelope will qualify as a substitute proof of ID.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voters residing in facilities visited by Special Voting Deputies</b> (usually <b>nursing homes</b>) may provide a copy of their photo ID, but the witness certification, if signed by both Special Voting Deputies, qualifies as a substitute proof of ID.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voters residing in other facilities</b> that are eligible for Special Voting Deputy procedures, but are <b>not visited by Special Voting Deputies</b>, may provide a copy of their photo ID or a certification statement signed by an authorized representative of the facility. If the voter is indefinitely confined, the witness certification on the absentee envelope will also qualify as a substitute proof of ID.</li> <li>➤ <b>Hospitalized electors</b> have special absentee voting requirements. They should contact their municipal clerk for assistance.</li> <li>➤ <b>Other absentee voters</b> must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request. (If you request a ballot by fax or email, you may provide a copy of the photo ID with the absentee application or ballot.) Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(continued on next page)</b></p> |

## The Elderly and Voters with Disabilities Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

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| <p><b>What accommodations are available if I vote at my polling place?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Curbside voting is available</b> if a voter cannot enter the polling place due to disability on Election Day. Photo ID must be provided. Proof of residence must be provided if you are not registered. Two poll workers will bring a ballot to the individual needing assistance, and conduct voting at their vehicle, or at the polling place entrance. These voters are not required to sign the poll list. Instead, the poll workers will write "Exempt by order of inspectors" in the signature space on the poll list.</li> <li>➤ <b>If a voter cannot sign the poll list</b> due to a physical disability, they should inform a poll worker. The poll worker will write "Exempt by order of inspectors" in the signature space on the poll list.</li> <li>➤ <b>An accessible voting machine will be available in every polling place.</b> This machine will allow voters to independently mark the ballot. These machines will be low enough for voters in a wheelchair to reach their controls, and have an audio ballot-marking option for voters with visual impairment.</li> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help marking the ballot</b>, he or she may have a person assist them. The voter may not receive assistance from an employer, a candidate on the ballot or a representative of that voter's labor organization. Any other person, including a poll worker, may assist the voter to mark the ballot. Poll workers must record the fact that the voter received assistance, and the full name and address of the assisting person, in the poll list. This includes voters who have difficulty reading and writing in English.</li> <li>➤ <b>Other reasonable accommodations can be requested.</b> Speak to the chief inspector at the polling place or the municipal clerk.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>What accommodations are available if I vote by absentee ballot?</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help registering to vote</b>, any person may assist them to fill out a form and mail it in to their municipal clerk. The assisting person must sign the voter registration form in the space provided.</li> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help requesting an absentee ballot</b>, any person may assist them to fill out a form and mail it in to their municipal clerk. The assisting person must sign the absentee ballot request form.</li> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help marking the ballot</b>, see the section above.</li> <li>➤ <b>No one may mark or cast a ballot without the voter's knowledge or contrary to the voter's wishes</b>, even if they have power of attorney or other guardianship status.</li> </ul>  |

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law and polling place accessibility, 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.

# Voting for the Voluntarily and Involuntarily Committed Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of January 1, 2012, a valid photo ID, or acceptable substitute, must be provided when voting by absentee ballot, unless you are part of a group exempted by statute.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Am I eligible to vote?</b></p>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Voters that have been adjudicated incompetent to vote by a court are ineligible to vote.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>All other voters are presumed competent to vote</b>, including voters in nursing homes and mental health facilities. People who are committed under chapter 980 (for sexually violent offenses) are still eligible to vote, if they have completed the term of their correctional sentence and post-correctional supervision.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>What is my address for voting purposes?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Voters involuntarily committed under chapter 51</b> (commitment for treatment), <b>chapter 971</b> (found not competent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect) <b>or chapter 980</b> (for sexually violent offenses), must register and vote at the address where they lived immediately prior to their commitment.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voters committed voluntarily or involuntarily under any other process</b> may register and vote at the address of the facility where they currently live. They may also choose to register and vote at the address they lived at before they were committed, if they have intent to return to that address.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>How can I vote by absentee ballot?</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Indefinitely confined electors</b> must request an absentee ballot at least 4 days before the election. Your request remains valid until you stop voting, or re-register (change your name or address). You may provide a copy of your photo ID with your absentee request, but <u>the witness certification on the absentee envelope will qualify as a substitute proof of ID.</u></li> <li>➤ <b>Voters residing in care facilities visited by Special Voting Deputies</b> (usually <b>nursing homes</b>) will be able to vote when the Special Voting Deputies conduct voting in their location. These voters must be registered by 20 days before the election. They may provide a copy of their photo ID, but <u>the witness certification, if signed by both Special Voting Deputies, qualifies as a substitute proof of ID.</u></li> <li>➤ <b>Voters residing in other care facilities</b> that are eligible for Special Voting Deputy procedures, but are <b>not visited by Special Voting Deputies</b>, can request an absentee ballot by mail, fax, or email. You may provide a copy of your photo ID with your absentee ballot request, but <u>a certification statement signed by an authorized representative of the facility and the absentee ballot witness will qualify as substitute proof of ID.</u> If you are indefinitely confined, only the witness certification on the absentee envelope is needed to qualify as a substitute proof of ID.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(continued on next page)</b></p> |

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| <p><b>How can I vote by absentee ballot?</b></p>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Regular absentee voters requesting a ballot by mail</b> must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request. Once photo ID is provided, you no longer have to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until you re-register (your name or address changes).</li> <li>➤ <b>Regular absentee voters requesting a ballot by email or fax</b> may provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request, but are not required to. If a copy of your photo ID is not provided with the absentee ballot request, you must provide a copy of your photo ID with the returned absentee ballot. Once photo ID is provided, you no longer have to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until you re-register (your name or address changes).</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>How can I vote in person?</b></p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If you are able to go to your <b>municipal clerk's office</b>, you may vote there via absentee ballot from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday before the election until the Friday before the election. You must show your photo ID to the clerk or staff before voting.</li> <li>➤ If you are able to go to the <b>polling place</b>, you may vote there on Election Day. You must show your photo ID to an election worker before voting.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>What if I want or need someone to assist me?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help registering to vote</b>, any person may assist them to fill out a form and mail it in to their municipal clerk. The assisting person must sign the voter registration form in the space provided.</li> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help requesting an absentee ballot</b>, any person may assist them to fill out a form and mail it in to their municipal clerk. The assisting person must sign the absentee ballot request form.</li> <li>➤ <b>If a voter needs help marking the ballot</b>, he or she may have a person assist them. You may not receive assistance from an employer, a candidate on the ballot, or a representative of your labor organization. Any other person, including a special voting deputy or a poll worker, may assist you to mark the ballot. If voting at the polling place, poll workers must record the fact that you received assistance, and the full name and address of the assisting person, on the poll list.</li> <li>➤ <b>No one may mark or cast a ballot without the voter's knowledge or contrary to the voter's wishes</b>, even if they have power of attorney or other guardianship status.</li> </ul> |

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# Homeless Voters

## Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of June 2011, voters may no longer use a “corroborating witness” to provide their proof of residence. Voters do not always need to provide proof of residence when they register, but if required to provide proof of residence, it must be a paper document.</li> <li>➤ As of January 1, 2012, a valid photo ID, or acceptable substitute, must be provided when voting by absentee ballot or at the polling place, unless you are part of a group exempted by statute. <b>There is no exception for Homeless Voters in the statute – they must also provide photo ID.</b></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>What residential address should I use for voting purposes?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Homeless individuals may designate a fixed location as their residence for voting purposes if it is an identifiable location in the state of Wisconsin which could conceivably serve as a temporary residence. This location may be a homeless shelter, a park bench, or other location where a homeless individual may spend time or return to when absent.</li> <li>➤ <b>For homeless voters, this means that if they have established a residence, they may continue to claim that residence as a voting address</b>, even if they no longer physically reside at that location, if they have intent to return. This would allow voters who had stayed with friends or family to continue using that address for voting purposes. See below for proof of residence rules.</li> <li>➤ <b>Note that P.O. Boxes are not acceptable</b> – your voting address must be a physical location, so election officials can determine which districts you vote in, and in which contests you get to vote.</li> <li>➤ <b>Note that a shelter address is an acceptable residence for voting purposes</b>, notwithstanding any restriction in the shelter’s rules prohibiting its use as a residential address. “Residence” for voting purposes is distinct from other types of residence. See below for proof of residence rules.</li> <li>➤ <b>Note that you may use a physical location that is not a valid mailing address.</b> If you can describe the place where you stay so the municipal clerk can locate it on a map, a park, street or alley may be used as your “residence” for voting purposes. However, you may still have to provide a document for proof of residence, and any such document would have to identify that physical location. See below for proof of residence rules.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Can I register without a document that proves my address?</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>If registering in the municipal clerk’s office 20 days or more before an election (open registration), the voter does not have to provide proof of residence.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>If registering in the clerk’s office less than 20 days before an election, or at the polling place, a voter must provide proof of residence.</b> See the list of acceptable documents below. Often homeless voters are able to produce a check or other document from a unit of government, including an affidavit from public or private social service agencies. A driver license or state ID card with your voting address can also qualify as proof of residence.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(continued on next page)</b></p>  |

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| <p><b>If I must provide proof of residence, what documents can I use?</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable proof of residence documents include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.</u></li> <li>• A current and valid Wisconsin driver license or identification card.</li> <li>• Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.</li> <li>• Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.</li> <li>• A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.</li> <li>• A university, college, or technical identification card (must include photo) <b>ONLY</b> if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.</li> <li>• A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Electronic statements may be used only if printed.</li> <li>• Bank statement. Electronic statements may be used only if printed.</li> <li>• Paycheck.</li> <li>• A check or other document issued by a unit of government.</li> <li>• Residential lease. (Not valid if registering by mail).</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>How do I get a photo ID to vote?</b></p>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers free state ID cards if the voter indicates they will be using the ID in order to vote.</b> If you cannot find this checkbox on the form, you should ask a DMV service representative to help you. Note that you will have to provide the DMV with proof of identity, legal presence, name and date of birth, and residency in order to obtain a state ID card. If the ID card contains your voting address, you may also use it as proof of residence.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Can I vote by absentee ballot?</b></p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>If you are registered to vote, you may apply to vote by absentee ballot.</b> No excuse is required. You may apply for an absentee ballot in person in the municipal clerk's office, or by mail, email, or fax.</li> <li>➤ <b>Absentee voters</b> must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request. (If you request a ballot by fax or email, you may provide a copy of the photo ID with the absentee application or ballot.) Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide photo ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).</li> <li>➤ <b>Absentee voters may request a ballot for one or more elections, up to one calendar year. (January 1 – December 31).</b> Please remember you will have to renew your absentee application to continue receiving ballots.</li> <li>➤ <b>You may keep your "voting residence" the same even if you move, as long as you have the intent to return.</b> Update your absentee mailing address with the municipal clerk in order to keep receiving ballots.</li> <li>➤ <b>The postage to return your ballot is paid for by the municipal clerk.</b></li> </ul>   |

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## Ex-Felons and Incarcerated Voters Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of January 1, 2012, a valid photo ID, or acceptable substitute, must be provided when voting by absentee ballot or at the polling place, unless you are part of a group exempted by statute.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Am I eligible to vote?</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>In Wisconsin, anyone convicted of a felony who has not yet completed the terms of their sentence, including probation, parole, and post-correctional supervision, is ineligible to vote.</b> Felons become eligible to vote again only when they complete their post-correctional supervision.</li> <li>➤ <b>If you are incarcerated because of a misdemeanor, not a felony, you are eligible to vote.</b> This includes most people in county jails and voters who were convicted of a felony and a misdemeanor, but have served the entire sentence for the felony, and are still in jail or prison for the misdemeanor.</li> <li>➤ <b>People who have been committed under chapter 980</b> (for sexually violent offenses) are still eligible to vote, if they have completed the term of their correctional sentence and post-correctional supervision.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voting rights are also restored if you are pardoned.</b></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>I have completed my supervision (am “off paper”) for my felony. Do I need to do anything special to register?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Once you have completed your probation, parole, or post-correctional supervision, you can register to vote.</b> You do not need to provide any special documents, other than proof of residence, in order to register. You do have to certify on your voter registration form that you are no longer under correctional supervision.</li> <li>➤ <b>Be aware that it is a felony to vote while still under correctional supervision for a felony.</b> The G.A.B. compares a list of people who voted with a list of felons on supervision after each election.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>What is my address for voting purposes?</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>If you are incarcerated, the address where you lived immediately before you were incarcerated is your address for voting purposes.</b> You may not use the jail or prison as your voting address.</li> <li>➤ <b>If you are not incarcerated, you should use the address where you currently reside.</b> Since residency for voting purposes is different from residency for other purposes, you may register at a half-way house or other facility, even if their rules state it is not a residence for other purposes.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(continued on next page)</b></p>   |

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| <p><b>Do I need a photo ID to vote?</b></p>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>You need an acceptable photo ID to request an absentee ballot and vote.</b> If you had a photo ID when you were incarcerated, you will have to ask the staff of the institution to make a copy of that ID for you. If you do not already have an acceptable photo ID, and cannot leave the institution to obtain one, you will not be able to vote.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Can I vote by absentee ballot?</b></p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>You may request an absentee ballot by mail. A copy of your photo ID must be included with the absentee request and mailed to the municipal clerk.</b> You must ask the staff of the institution to make a copy of your photo ID, or allow you to use a copy of your photo ID provided by someone else. You must also sign an absentee ballot request form, which can be mailed by the staff of your institution, or a third party. A third party can request an absentee ballot without your signature <b>ONLY</b> if they have power of attorney for you.</li> <li>➤ <b>If you request an absentee ballot by email or fax, you do not have to provide a copy of your photo ID with the ballot request.</b> However, you must provide photo ID with the ballot when you return it.</li> <li>➤ <b>Voters who are incarcerated, but still eligible to vote, do not qualify to receive absentee ballots permanently, for every election.</b> In order to receive absentee ballots permanently, you must be “indefinitely confined” because of age, illness, infirmity, or disability.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>What if I live at home but am monitored by a “bracelet”?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>If you are monitored by a “bracelet”, or under a work-release program, you may need to get special permission to go to the DMV to obtain a photo ID, vote absentee in the municipal clerk’s office, or vote at the polls on Election Day.</b> Make sure you speak to the appropriate people before performing any of these tasks.</li> </ul>  |

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# Name Changes

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of January 1, 2012, a valid photo ID, or acceptable substitute, must be provided when voting by absentee ballot or at the polling place, unless you are part of a group exempted by statute.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>When does my name change become effective for voting purposes?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>For voting purposes, a name change is not effective until you have updated the name with the agency that issues your acceptable photo ID.</b> Usually this will be the Wisconsin DMV, but it can include the US Department of State (passports), a branch of the armed services, a federally-recognized Indian tribe, or an accredited college or university. Even if you have recently married or divorced, or changed your name by court order, if you have not updated your name with that agency, you should continue to register and vote under your previous name. If you register under the new name, and it is listed on the poll list, but your photo ID shows your previous name, the poll workers may insist that you vote by provisional ballot.</li> <li>➤ <b>If you are updating your name with the Wisconsin DMV, you must first change your name with the Social Security Administration (SSA).</b> Once your name has been changed with SSA, you can change your name with the DMV immediately.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Do I need to reregister to vote?</b></p>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Yes. If your name changes, even if you are at the same address, you must fill out an updated voter registration application.</b> Be sure to give your prior name in the space provided.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>If I hyphenate my name, is that close enough?</b></p>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Wisconsin law requires that the name on photo ID “conforms to the individual’s voter registration form.”</b> Since the entire previous name is contained in the new name, the G.A.B. has decided these names “conform.” However, the G.A.B. recommends that your voter registration should always be updated to the name on your photo identification.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Where can I get more information?</b></p>                              | <p>Go to <a href="http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov">http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov</a> and click the link to “Change a name on a social security card.” Or call your local Social Security office.</p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/name-change.htm">http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/name-change.htm</a> or call your local DMV or the statewide number 608-266-2353.</p>  |

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# Confidential Voters

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| <p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As of January 2012, an elector who has a confidential listing may present his or her Protected Individual Identification Card (GAB-148) or give his or her name and confidential voter identification serial number in lieu of stating his or her name and address and presenting a valid photo ID.</li> <li>➤ As of June 2011, confidential electors who vote at the polling place must sign the poll list. Only electors who are unable to sign because of a disability are exempt from this requirement.</li> <li>➤ When voting absentee the individual who provides a confidential voter number does not need to provide proof of identification, or provide a street address on the absentee certificate envelope.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Who can obtain a confidential listing?</b></p>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Electors who are victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking</b> have the option to be listed confidentially in the poll list or registration list.</li> <li>➤ To be eligible for confidential listing an individual must provide 1 of 4 documents:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A copy of a temporary order or an injunction that is in effect.</li> <li>○ An affidavit from a sheriff, chief of police, or district attorney that is dated within 30 Days of the date of the request. (See form GAB-147)</li> <li>○ A statement signed by the operator or authorized agent of a shelter that is dated within 30 days of the date of the request for confidential voter status that indicates that the individual resides in the shelter.</li> <li>○ A statement which includes the individuals full name, that is signed by an authorized representative of a domestic abuse of sexual assault victim service provider, and that indicates that the individual received services from that provider with in the 24-month period ending on the date of the statement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>How do I register to vote if I qualify for a confidential listing?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>An individual must <i>personally</i> register to vote in the office of the municipal clerk and make a <i>written request for confidentiality</i>.</b> The elector may use the form entitled <i>Elector Request for Confidential Listing (GAB-147)</i>. You may bring in another elector to assist you if you wish.</li> <li>➤ <b>If an individual is not registered on Election Day and wishes to obtain a confidential listing, the elector must register at the clerk's office</b> before they may vote. Upon completion of registration the municipal clerk shall issue a Confidential Voter Identification Card to the voter and the voter may use the identification card in lieu of stating his or her name and address and presenting proof of identification.</li> </ul>  |

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