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# **HOW TO VOTE IN-PERSON WITHOUT A PHOTO ID**



Under Texas's voter ID law, you can vote in-person by regular ballot with a non-photo or alternative ID if you do not possess an accepted photo ID and have an obstacle to getting one.

# TO VOTE IN PERSON WITHOUT PHOTO ID BASED ON A "REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT"

To vote in person by regular ballot without a photo ID based on a "reasonable impediment" or difficulty, follow these four steps:



Inform the poll managers that you do not possess a photo ID and had an obstacle to getting one. You can lack an acceptable photo ID even if, for example, it was lost, stolen, suspended, revoked, or expired by more than four years.

### Obstacles to possessing a

photo ID. include, but are not limited to: lack of transportation; lack of birth certificate or other document needed to obtain an accepted photo ID: work schedule; lost or stolen photo ID; family responsibilities; disability or illness; photo ID applied for but not received; any other reason that YOU find reasonable (see other side for more information on reasonable impediments).



### Present an alternative form of ID:

- valid voter registration certificate
- · original birth certificate
- copy or original current utility bill
- copy or original bank statement
- · copy or original government check
- copy or original paycheck
- · copy or original government document with a name and an address. The address does NOT have to match the address. on the list of voters.

Examples of government documents may include, but are not limited to:

- · out-of-state driver's or non-driver's license
- expired Texas (over 4 years) DPS-issued driver's license or personal ID card
- · Social Security, Medicaid, or Medicare document with an address
- DPS Receipts (without a photo) with an address
- · public college or university document with an address
- ID card issued by a recognized Native American tribe with an address
- · expired voter registration certificates



Sign a declaration identifying yourself and your reason for not having an accepted photo ID.

Cast a regular ballot.

\*After initially asking a voter whether he/she has an accepted photo ID, an election official cannot further question the voter concerning whether they possess a photo ID, the reasonableness of any claimed impediment/ difficulty, or the truth of the declaration.



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# WHAT IS A REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT?

Texas's voter ID law contains a "reasonable impediment" provision which includes many of the reasons why you may not possess an acceptable photo ID, including:

- Lack of transportation
- Disability or illness
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain accepted photo ID
- Work schedule
- Family responsibilities

- Lost or stolen photo ID
- Photo ID applied for but not received
- Other impediment or difficulty that YOU find reasonable (see other side for more information about voting with a reasonable impediment)

# HOW TO VOTE IN-PERSON WITH YOUR PHOTO ID

To vote in-person, Texas will accept one of the following photo IDs:



Texas driver's license issued by the Texas **Department of Public** Safety (DPS)



Texas personal identification card issued by DPS



Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS



United States military identification card containing your photo



United States citizenship certificate containing your photo



Identification

Certificate



United States passport issued by DPS



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- \*Except for the U.S. citizenship certificate, the photo ID that you present must be current or have expired no more than four years before you vote.
- \*If you have a photo ID, be sure to bring it with you to the polling place.
- \*Registered voters can get a "free" Election Identification Certificate with a photo from a DPS office. For more information, visit www.votetexas.gov.
- \*Note that voters with "documented disabilities" and religious objections to being photographed may qualify for exemptions from
- the voter ID law. More information is available through the Texas Secretary of State's office at www.votetexas.gov.
- \*You can still vote a regular ballot with a non-photo or alternative ID (see other side).