

# Prepare to Vote in 2013 in

# South Carolina



How You Can Vote In-Person **Without** a Photo ID in South Carolina



## Voting In-Person without Photo ID

Under South Carolina's new law, you can easily vote in-person by provisional ballot **without Photo ID** if you have a reason why you do not have one.

South Carolina's new photo ID law contains a **"reasonable impediment"** exception that recognizes the many reasons why you may not have a Photo ID, including that:

- You are disabled or ill;
- You have a demanding work schedule;
- You are unemployed and looking for work;
- You lack transportation &/or money to get to the county election office or DMV;
- You do not have a copy of your birth certificate;
- You have family responsibilities (e.g., childcare);
- You have a religious objection to being photographed;
- You did not have the time given that South Carolina just implemented its new Photo ID law on January 1, 2013; OR
- There is another obstacle that YOU find reasonable.

To vote in-person in South Carolina **without a Photo ID** using a **"reasonable impediment"** reason, follow these three steps:

1.



Present your current, non-photo voter registration card at the polls\*\*

2.



Sign an affidavit identifying yourself and your reason for not having an accepted Photo ID

3.



Cast a provisional ballot that will be counted unless the county election commission has reason to believe that your affidavit is false\*\*\*

\*\*If you lost or misplaced your non-photo voter registration card, you can obtain a duplicate card – even on Election Day – by calling the South Carolina Election Commission at 803.734.9060 or visiting [scvotes.org](http://scvotes.org).

\*\*\*When you vote by provisional ballot after completing a "reasonable impediment" affidavit, your ballot is presumed to be valid. County election boards must first notify and hear from you before they can reject your affidavit, and thus your ballot, as false.

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You can also vote a regular ballot in-person in South Carolina **with a Photo ID**. You can obtain one **free of charge**.

To vote in-person, South Carolina will accept one of the following Photo IDs:



Current & valid South Carolina photo voter registration card\*



Current & valid South Carolina DMV-issued driver's license\*\*



Current & valid South Carolina DMV-issued (non driver's) Photo ID card\*\*



Current & valid federal military ID



Current & valid U.S. passport

\*Registered voters can get a **free photo voter registration card** from their county elections office by presenting their current non-photo voter registration card. Alternatively, registered voters may provide their date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security Number. Or, registered voters may present any Photo ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows his/her name and address. For more information about how to obtain a free photo voter registration card, call the South Carolina Election Commission at 803.734.9060 or visit [scvotes.org](http://scvotes.org).

\*\*You can also get a DMV-issued drivers license or DMV-issued (non-driver's license) Photo ID card at a local DMV office. Generally, to obtain a DMV-issued Photo ID, you must provide proof of South Carolina residency, U.S. citizenship, and a Social Security Number by presenting either a certified birth certificate or passport. Learn more about the documents required to obtain a DMV-issued Photo ID by calling the South Carolina DMV at 803.896.5000 or visiting [scdmvonline.com](http://scdmvonline.com).

If you **do not have Photo ID** and do not have a **"reasonable impediment"** to obtaining one, or you simply forgot to bring your Photo ID with you to the polls, you may still vote a provisional ballot.

However, for your vote to count, you must provide one of the accepted Photo IDs to the county election commission in-person prior to certification of the election (usually the Thursday or Friday after the election).

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