

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ARKANSAS' NEW VOTER ID LAW

1. Act 565 (AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A VOTER PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTITY WHEN VOTING AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD) will go in to effect January 1, 2014.
2. Election officials shall request *most* voters to provide proof of identification. The following voters are exempt from the ID requirement: A person who is a resident of a long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state, and who has documentation from the administrator of the facility attesting that person is a resident.
3. The following are considered valid forms of identification:
 - a. A voter ID card issued by the County Clerk
 - b. A document or ID card that:
 - i. shows the name and photograph of the person to whom it was issued;
 - ii. is issued by the U.S. government, the state of Arkansas, or an accredited postsecondary educational institution in Arkansas; and
 - iii. if displaying an expiration date, is not expired, or expired no more than four years before the date of the election
 - c. "Proof of identity" that complies may include without limitation:
 - i. Driver's license
 - ii. Non-driver photo ID
 - iii. Concealed handgun carry license
 - iv. U.S. passport
 - v. State or federal employee ID
 - vi. U.S. military ID card
 - vii. Arkansas college or vocational student ID
 - viii. Public assistance ID
 - ix. Photo voter ID card
4. If the voter is listed on the precinct voter registration list but fails to provide proof of identity, the election official shall: (1) Indicate on the precinct voter registration list that the voter did not provide proof of identity; and (2) Permit the voter to cast a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot shall be counted if (1) the voter returns to the county board of election commissioners or the county clerk by 12:00 p.m. on the Monday following the election and (A) provides proof of identity, or (B) Provides an affidavit stating that the voter cannot provide proof of identity because the voter is indigent or has a religious objection to being photographed; and the voter has not been challenged or required to vote a provisional ballot for any other reason. (§7-5-321)

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