



# Be Registered **TO VOTE!** & Be Ready

## A Helpful Guide to West Virginia's New Voter Identification Law

**Beginning January 1, 2018, voters must show a form of identification to vote in person during the Early Voting period or on Election Day in any election.** Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired.

Please note that there are exceptions to the voter ID requirement, which can be found on the back of this card. Also, this new law *does not* apply to absentee-by-mail voting.

### Acceptable Forms of Non-Photo Identification:

- Voter registration card
- Medicare card or Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card
- WV TANF program ID card
- WV Medicaid ID card
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill or bank statement issued within six months of the date of the election
- Health insurance card issued to the voter

### Acceptable Forms of Photo Identification:

- WV driver's license or other WV ID card issued by the DMV
- Driver's license issued by another state
- U.S. passport or passport card
- Military ID card issued by the U.S.
- U.S. or WV Government employee ID card
- Student ID card
- A concealed carry (pistol/revolver) permit

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**Register to Vote, Update or Check Your  
Registration Status Online:**

**[ovr.sos.wv.gov](http://ovr.sos.wv.gov)**

**Or at your County Clerk's Office**

*Source: W. Va. Code § 3-1-34.*



**There are three (3) exceptions to the new voter ID requirement:**

*Exception 1: Signed, Sworn Statement by an Adult who has Known the Voter for 6 Months or More.*

A voter *does not* have to show an ID to vote if the voter is accompanied by an adult who:

1. Has known the voter for at least 6 months;
2. Shows a photo ID with his or her name and address; and
3. Signs an affidavit at the polling place confirming the voter's identity.

*Exception 2: A Poll Worker Knows the Voter.*

A voter *does not* have to show ID to vote if a poll worker has known the voter for at least 6 months. No additional affidavit or ID is required.

*Exception 3: Residents of State Care Facilities*

Residents of licensed WV state care facilities *do not* have to show ID to vote if:

1. The voter is a resident of the care facility;
2. The care facility is a polling place; and
3. The resident's polling place is located at the care facility.

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**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q:** What if a voter cannot obtain any of the forms of ID?

**A:** Registered voters can apply for a free Voter ID Card from their county clerk. Applications must be submitted in person at the county clerk's office, and voters can choose to be mailed their Voter ID Card or pick them up at the county clerk's office.

**Q:** What if a voter shows up to vote, does not have an ID, and does not fall under any of the exceptions?

**A:** The voter will be able to vote a provisional ballot and has an opportunity to prove his or her residence at the county clerk's office before canvass begins (usually 5 days after Election Day).

\* Alternate formats of this card are available upon request.

**More Info is Available at [www.wvsos.gov](http://www.wvsos.gov)  
or the WVSOS Office at 304-558-6000**

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