

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT IS THE VOTER ID LAW?

Iowa's Election Integrity Law (commonly known as the "Voter ID law") requires eligible voters to provide identification at their polling place when voting, including a valid Iowa driver's license or non-driver identification card, U.S. passport, military ID or veteran's ID. Voters without one of these identification cards will need a Voter ID card.

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WHO RECEIVES A VOTER ID CARD?

Voter ID cards are provided to registered voters who do not have a valid, Iowa DOT-issued driver's license or a non-operator identification card. These cards are provided when a voter registers or updates their voter registration. Voters who have a valid, Iowa DOT-issued identification card will not receive a Voter ID card. For more information, visit sos.iowa.gov.

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WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOST MY VOTER ID CARD?

It is important to keep your Voter ID card. If you lost your card after receiving it in the mail, contact your county auditor's office to confirm voter registration information and receive a replacement Voter ID card.

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WHAT IF I'VE RECENTLY MOVED OR DID NOT RECEIVE A VOTER ID CARD BY MAIL?

Make sure your voter registration reflects your current address by visiting sos.iowa.gov/register. If you have moved, update your voter registration. A Voter ID card will then be sent to you from your county auditor's office. If you no longer live in Iowa, but have received an Iowa Voter ID card by mail, contact your county auditor to cancel your Iowa voter registration.

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I WANT TO CAST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

When requesting an absentee ballot, voters will need to include their Iowa DOT-issued identification card number or PIN number from their Voter ID card. Absentee ballot requests must be received by your county auditor's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25, for the June 5 primary election and Saturday, October 27, for the November 6 general election. For all other elections, the deadline is 11 days before Election Day.

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I AM A STUDENT FROM OUT OF STATE ATTENDING COLLEGE IN IOWA. CAN I STILL VOTE?

Yes. Students attending Iowa colleges can register to vote online or by sending a completed voter registration form to their county auditor. Those registering on Election Day will be required to show photo identification (such as an out-of-state driver's license or state ID) and proof of residence (such as a residential lease or utility bill). Iowans attending school out-of-state may request an absentee ballot and follow the same rules for absentee voters listed above. For more details, visit sos.iowa.gov.

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WHAT IF I WAIT TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY AND I DON'T HAVE AN IOWA ID?

Voters registering to vote at their assigned polling place on Election Day are eligible to vote with photo identification (including a current expiration date) and proof of residence. Polling officials will ask for identification; however, if a voter does not have ID to show, he/she can have a registered voter in that precinct attest to their eligibility. For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification and proof of residence, please visit sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html.

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WHEN DO I NEED TO START BRINGING ID TO THE POLLS?

Starting with the 2018 elections, Iowans need to bring identification to the polls for all elections. If you receive a Voter ID card, please check to make sure the address information is accurate and sign it. Keep your ID in a safe location and remember to bring it to your polling place on Election Day. Voters without valid ID will be asked to sign an oath swearing to their identity, and will be allowed to cast a regular ballot for all 2018 elections.