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Mississippi Voter ID: *What you need to know.*

When do voters have to start showing a photo ID to vote?

Beginning with the Primary Election on June 3, 2014, individuals voting at the polls will be required to show a photo ID. Individuals voting in person by absentee ballot in the Primary Election inside the Circuit Clerk's office before June 3, 2014, also will be required to show a photo ID.

What forms of photo ID are required on Election Day?

Any of the following photo IDs may be used:

- A driver's license
- A photo ID issued by a branch, department or entity of the State of Mississippi
- A United States passport
- A government employee ID card
- A firearms license
- A student photo ID issued by an accredited Mississippi university, college or community/junior college
- A United States military ID
- A tribal photo ID
- Any other photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government or any State government
- A Mississippi Voter Identification card

May a voter use an expired photo ID on Election Day?

Yes, as long as it is an acceptable form of photo ID (see list above) and is not more than ten (10) years old. The expired ID must contain the name and photograph of the voter, and have been validly issued by the federal or a state government.

Who may a voter contact if he/she has questions about the photo ID requirement?

Please call the Secretary of State's Voter ID Hotline at 1-855-868-3745; visit www.MSVoterID.ms.gov or email MSVoterID@sos.ms.gov.

Who is exempt from the photo ID requirements?

- Voters who vote an absentee ballot by mail, fax or email
- Voters with religious objections to being photographed

What happens if a voter does not have a photo ID on Election Day?

A voter who does not have photo ID on Election Day will be asked to vote by affidavit ballot at the polling place. The voter will then have five (5) business days to show an acceptable form of photo ID, or apply for a Mississippi Voter ID card, at the Circuit Clerk's office.

What if the voter does not have any of the acceptable forms of photo ID?

FREE Mississippi Voter ID cards will be available at any Circuit Clerk's office beginning in January 2014.

Who qualifies for a FREE Mississippi Voter Identification card?

Any eligible voter who does NOT have an acceptable form of photo ID qualifies for a FREE Mississippi Voter Identification card.

Where is the closest Circuit Clerk's Office?

Visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ms.gov to find the closest Circuit Clerk's office; call the Secretary of State's Voter ID hotline toll free at 1-855-868-3745; or visit the Voter ID website at www.MSVoterID.ms.gov.

How does a voter get a Mississippi Voter Identification card?

To get a FREE Mississippi Voter Identification card, the voter must bring any ONE of the following to the Circuit Clerk's Office:

- Any expired but valid photo identity document having the voter's name and photograph issued by the U.S. government or any U.S. state
- A birth certificate or any other document with the voter's full legal name, date and place of birth
- A Social Security card
- A Medicare card
- A Medicaid card
- A Mississippi Voter Registration Card
- Any of the following, as long as it includes the voter's name and current address:
 - Utility bill issued within the preceding six (6) months
 - Bank statement issued within the preceding six (6) months
 - Paycheck issued within the preceding six (6) months
 - Government check issued within the preceding six (6) months
 - IRS Form W-2, Wages and Tax Statement issued within the current calendar year.

If a voter does not have any of the documents listed, can the voter still get a Mississippi Voter Identification card?

Yes, the Circuit Clerk's Office can verify a voter's birth information free of charge. The voter must give the Circuit Clerk the following information:

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- State of birth
- Gender at birth
- Mother's maiden name

Can a voter get a free Voter ID card even if the voter has one of the other forms of acceptable photo ID?

No.

What if a voter needs transportation to the Circuit Clerk's Office to get the Mississippi Voter Identification card?

FREE transportation will be available to voters who need help getting a Mississippi Voter Identification card. For more information about this program, contact the Secretary of State's Voter ID Hotline at 1-855-868-3745, visit www.MSVoterID.ms.gov or email MSVoterID@sos.ms.gov.