



Alabama Voter Identification Guide

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Acceptable AL Voter Photo ID

To vote in Alabama, you need to bring ONE (1) of the following unexpired photo IDs to your polling place:

- Driver's license issued by any state
- State ID card issued by any state
- US passport
- US military ID
- Alabama voter ID
- Tribal ID
- Federal government-issued ID
- Employee ID from federal government, State of Alabama, County, Municipality, Board, Authority, or other entity of this state
- Student or employee ID from a college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)

What To Do If You Don't Have a Voter ID on Election Day

- Go to your polling place.
- You may vote a regular ballot if two (2) election officials identify you as the voter on the poll list who is eligible to vote and the election officials sign a sworn affidavit so stating.

How To Obtain an Alabama Voter ID Card

If you do not possess any of the above-mentioned forms of identification, you may obtain a free photo voter identification card. This card is available only to individuals who do not have any of the required forms of identification and is a registered voter in Alabama. A voter may obtain a free photo voter identification card at the following locations:

- Secretary of State's office
- Board of Registrar's offices, located in each county
- At a mobile location to be determined by the Secretary of State's office

You must show the following documentation:

- A photo identification document or a non-photo identification document can be used if it contains your full legal name and date of birth;
- Documentation showing the voter's date of birth (this can be verified by voter statewide registration information); and



- Documentation showing the voter’s name and address as reflected in the voter registration record (can be verified by voter statewide registration information).

Non-photo identification documents that can be used to obtain a free voter identification card and that must contain the voter’s full legal name and date of birth:

- Birth certificate
- Hospital or nursing home record
- Marriage record
- State or federal census record
- Military record
- Medicare or Medicaid document
- Certificate of citizenship
- Official school record or transcript

Photo identification documents that can be used to obtain a free voter identification card but CANNOT be used for voting:

- A student identification card issued by a public or private high school
- A student or employee card issued by a school outside the state of Alabama
- Hospital/nursing home identification card
- Wholesale club or other membership card

To obtain a free voter identification card, you must register, or be registered, to vote. Your status as a registered voter will be verified when you submit your application for a free voter identification card. If you submit your application at a Board of Registrar’s office, you may simultaneously register to vote and apply for a free voter identification card.

Upon completion and submission of the application, the free voter identification card should be received within fourteen (14) days of processing. The person processing the form will give the individual submitting the form a receipt that can be used for voting for up to forty-five (45) days.

How To Obtain Acceptable IDs

1. Alabama Driver’s License

- Apply, renew or request a replacement Alabama driver’s license:
<http://dps.alabama.gov/Home/wfContent.aspx?ID=30&PLH1=plhDriverLicense-DocumentRequirementsAndFees>



2. Alabama State Identification Card

- A citizen of Alabama may apply to the local driver-license examiner for a non-driver identification card. The same degree of proof of identification required of applicants for driver's licenses in the state shall be required of applicants for non-driver identification cards. Identification cards are issued to applicants who do not physically qualify for a driver's license, do not have a current driver's license, or who wish to discontinue driving and surrender their license. The non-driver identification card bears a number and the name, date of birth, address, description of the person, and a color photo. The ID cards are available wherever driver's licenses are available. They are not issued to holders of a valid Alabama driver's license.

3. US Passport Application or Renewal

- You may obtain a new passport or apply for renewal (<https://www.usps.com/international/passports.htm>) by mail. If needed sooner, visit a passport agency or passport acceptance facility. The most common acceptance facility is your local post office. You can find a post office that processes passport applications: bit.ly/1DxHt0V
- If you are renewing your passport using Passport Renewal Application Form DS-82, Post Offices do not need to review or process your application. You can mail your renewal application directly to the State Department yourself. Adult passports are valid for ten (10) years and may be renewed by mail.
- Visit the US State Department website for further information: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>

Registration

- You must register to vote at least fifteen (15) days before the next election.
- You need your current Alabama driver's license, non-driver's or Social Security number.
- Political Parties
 - You do not need to register with a political party. However, you must be a member of a political party in order to vote in most primary elections.
- <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>

Alternative Ways To Vote

Absentee/Mail Voting

You may cast an absentee ballot in Alabama if you (1) will be absent from your county of residence on election day, (2) are ill or have a physical disability that prevents a trip to the polling place; (3) are a registered Alabama voter living outside the county, such as a member of the armed forces, employed outside the United States, a college



student, or a spouse or child of such a person; (4) are an appointed election officer or poll watcher at a polling place other than your regular polling place; or (5) work a required shift of 10-hours or more that coincides with polling hours.

To obtain an absentee ballot, you must submit an application to request an absentee ballot. The application to obtain an absentee ballot requires you to provide the following information:

1. Name and residential address
2. Election for which the ballot is requested
3. Reason for absence from polls on election day
4. Party choice, if the election is a party primary. (It is not necessary to give a party choice for a general election; however, in a party primary a voter may participate in only one political party's primary; thus a choice must be designated so that the appropriate ballot can be provided. If the voter declines or fails to designate a choice for a primary or primary runoff ballot, the absentee election manager may send only the ballot for constitutional amendments.)
5. Address to which the ballot should be mailed
6. Voter signature

The absentee ballot application must be returned to the Absentee Election Manager by the voter in person (or by the voter's designee in the case of medical emergency voting) or by US mail. No absentee ballot application may be mailed in the same envelope as another voter's absentee ballot application. The absentee ballot application must be received no later than the fifth calendar day before the election.

Absentee voting requires a copy of one of the above voter identifications and the signature of either a notary public or two (2) witnesses eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The absentee ballot comes with three (3) envelopes - one plain (the secrecy envelope), one with an affidavit, or oath, printed on the outside, and one plain envelope, preaddressed (the outer envelope). Once the voter casts the ballot, the procedure is as follows:

1. Seal the ballot in the plain envelope
2. Place the plain envelope inside the accompanying affidavit envelope
3. Seal the affidavit envelope and complete the affidavit that is on the outside of the envelope
4. Sign the affidavit and have the signature witnessed by either a notary public or two (2) witnesses eighteen (18) years of age or older
5. Place the affidavit envelope and a COPY of voter identification inside the outer envelope
6. Remember to place a copy of your ID (NOT THE ORIGINAL) inside the outer envelope



The voter has only the following legal ways to return the absentee ballot:

- Send by US Mail, or
- Personally hand the absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Manager (or deliver by a designee in the case of emergency absentee voting).

Didn't find what you were looking for?

Visit <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes> for general questions related to the above information.

- Toll Free: 800-274-VOTE (800-274-8683)

VoteRiders Toll-free Helpline: 844-33-VTRID (844-338-8743)

VoteRiders Email: info@voteriders.org