

Alabama Photo Voter ID Guide

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Dear Voters of Alabama:

As citizens of Alabama, voting is one of our most fundamental rights. By exercising your right to vote, you have the amazing opportunity to voice your personal opinion and participate in the selection of our newest elected officials.

Beginning with the 2014 Primary Election, the State Legislature mandated that a voter present photo ID prior to voting. If a voter does not have a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, nondriver ID card, or any other valid photo ID as listed on page 7 of this guide, the voter may receive one free of charge from his or her county Board of Registrars office or at the Secretary of State's office.

During the months of May to October of 2015, mobile units visited each of the 67 counties at least once to provide eligible voters convenient locations to apply for and obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card. The Office of the Secretary of State will again visit each of the 67 counties during the period of May to October of 2016. To view a list of all mobile unit scheduled events, please visit www.alabamavoterid.com.

A voter who is required to present valid photo ID but who does not do so will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot as provided for by law (see page 7 for details).

In addition, a voter who does not have a valid photo ID in his or her possession at the polls will be permitted to vote a regular ballot if the individual is positively identified by two election officials as an eligible voter in their precinct.

This booklet is an educational tool to inform voters about the voter identification requirements and seeks to prevent any confusion that may be experienced on election day. Please review the standards and, if you have any questions, you may call our Elections Division at 1-800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210 or visit www.alabamavoterid.com.

May God bless you and the great State of Alabama!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Merrill".

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State

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This document is not a substitute for the *Code of Alabama, 1975*. It is provided as a guide and is not intended to be an authoritative statement of law. For further legal information, please consult the Code of Alabama, or other appropriate legal resources or your attorney.

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CHANGE IN LAW

During the 2011 Regular Legislative Session the Legislature approved House Bill 19. Governor Robert Bentley signed the bill, and it was subsequently assigned Act Number 2011-673.

Beginning with the June 3, 2014 primary election, Act 2011-673 requires an Alabama voter to have a specific type of photo identification at the polls in order to vote. If a voter does not have one of the approved forms of photo ID as stated in the law, then he or she may receive a free Alabama photo voter ID card from various locations.

This guide will explain that process and let voters know how to be prepared for the June 3, 2014 primary election. For more information, you may contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State at 800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The Secretary of State's office was tasked with writing administrative rules to direct the process of receiving free photo ID's. Those administrative rules can be viewed on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.alabama.gov or www.alabamavotes.gov. The Secretary of State was also tasked with selecting a vendor for processing the cards. Police and Sheriff's Press, Inc. was chosen as the vendor. The Secretary of State's office set up training and provided equipment for the process to begin in all 67 counties in the State of Alabama.

WHAT FORMS OF ID ARE VALID AT THE POLLS?

A voter can use any of the following forms of photo ID at the polls starting June 3, 2014:

- ▶ Valid Alabama Driver's License
- ▶ Valid Alabama Nondriver ID
- ▶ Valid Alabama Photo Voter ID Card
- ▶ Valid State Issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
- ▶ Valid Federal issued ID
- ▶ Valid US passport
- ▶ Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County, Municipality, Board or other entity of this state
- ▶ Valid student or employee ID from a public or private college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
- ▶ Valid student or employee ID issued by a state institution of higher learning in any other state
- ▶ Valid Military ID
- ▶ Valid Tribal ID



If a voter possesses any of these forms of ID, he/she is not eligible to receive a free Alabama photo voter ID card. The voter must bring one of these photo IDs to the polls on Election Day or place a copy of the ID in absentee ballot materials.

A voter who is required to present valid photo identification but who does not do so will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot as provided by law. The voter casting a provisional ballot will have until 5:00PM on the Friday after the election to submit valid photo identification, otherwise the ballot will not be counted.

In addition, a voter who does not have a valid photo ID in his or her possession at the polls shall be permitted to vote a regular ballot if the individual is positively identified by two election officials as a voter on the poll list who is eligible to vote and the election officials

sign a sworn affidavit so stating.

What if I do not have any of these forms of ID?

If a voter does not have one of the valid forms of photo ID, then that voter may obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card or a free nondriver ID for purposes of voting.

FREE NONDRIVER ID

As another option, a voter who does not have any of the acceptable forms of photo ID may obtain a free nondriver ID for purposes of voting.



Voters will have to fill out a form with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and sign a form attesting that they do not have one of the valid forms of photo ID.

A voter must comply with all rules set forth by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and adhere to those requirements in order to receive the free nondriver ID.

WHERE CAN I GET MY FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD?

A voter may obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card at the following locations:

- ▶ **Secretary of State's office**
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130
- ▶ **Boards of Registrars offices**
Located in each county. Please see the appendix in this guide for addresses and phone numbers of the various county locations.
- ▶ **At a mobile location to be determined by the Secretary of State's office**
The mobile locations will be announced by various forms of advertising.



Please note that applicants are instructed not to complete the application for a free Alabama photo voter ID card if they already

possess one of the valid forms of photo identification. Any falsification or fraud in completing the application shall constitute a Class C felony.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN MY FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD?

To receive a free Alabama photo voter ID card a voter must show:

- ▶ A photo ID document, except a non-photo identity document can be used if it contains your full legal name and date of birth;
- ▶ Documentation showing the voter's date of birth (can be verified by information in the statewide voter file);
- ▶ Documentation showing the person is a registered voter (can be verified by voter registration information);*
- ▶ Documentation showing the voter's name and address as reflected in the voter registration record (can be verified by voter registration information).*

***THE PROCESSING AGENTS WILL VERIFY THIS ITEM NEEDED TO RECEIVE THE FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD BY CHECKING THE VOTER'S RECORD IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.**



What if I'm not registered to vote?

You must be a registered voter in order to obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card or free nondriver ID.

- ▶ The Registrar or the mobile unit worker will check the voter registration status when the voter submits the application.
- ▶ If you are in the Board of Registrars office, you may simultaneously register to vote and apply for a free Alabama photo voter ID card if there is no issue with your registration.
- ▶ If a voter is applying for a free nondriver ID card, the voter will sign the application stating he or she is an Alabama elector.

Examples of photo ID documents that can be used to obtain a free ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD but CANNOT be used at the polls

- ▶ A student ID issued by a public or private high school.
- ▶ A student or employee ID card issued by a private university or postgraduate technical or professional school located **OUTSIDE** the state of Alabama.
- ▶ An employee ID card **NOT** issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the US government, the State of Alabama, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or entity of the State of Alabama.
- ▶ Hospital/nursing home ID card.
- ▶ Wholesale club or other membership card.

Examples of Non-Photo ID Documents that can be used to obtain a free ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD

ALL MUST CONTAIN 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
- ▶ Social Security Administration document
- ▶ Certificate of Citizenship
- ▶ Official school record or transcript

[†]The Secretary of State's office has entered an agreement with the Alabama Department of Public Health whereby a free birth or marriage certificate will be provided to the processing or issuing agent when a voter needs one of these documents in order to obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card. This certificate is for voting purposes only, is provided electronically, and cannot be

used for any other purpose. For more information, please call the Secretary of State's office at 1-800-274-8683.

AFTER COMPLETING THE APPLICATION AND SHOWING DOCUMENTATION, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- ▶ The voter's information will be entered into the Alabama photo voter ID card issuance system and his or her photo taken.
- ▶ The person processing the application for the free Alabama photo voter ID card will give the voter a receipt, much like a temporary driver's license, which can be used to vote for 45 days after receipt.
- ▶ Voters should receive their free Alabama photo voter ID card within 14 days of processing.

IS MY FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD SECURE?

The vendor selected to produce the IDs has set many security measures within both the ID card itself and the receipt. It will be extremely difficult for someone to fake an Alabama photo voter ID card.

County-level poll workers will be trained in these security measures and will know what to look for on Election Day.



WHAT ABOUT VOTERS WHOSE POLLING PLACE IS INACCESSIBLE DUE TO AGE OR DISABILITY?

The Secretary of State's office has addressed voters who are elderly or who have a disability with an exception to the absentee ballot ID requirement when the voter's polling place is not accessible. ✦



A voter who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act or any other federal law **shall not be required to produce identification when**

voting by absentee ballot.

Voters who fall within this category will be able to check a box on their absentee ballot application which states that their polling place is not accessible and that they fall under the definition of elderly (age 65 or older) or handicapped. The Absentee Election Manager will not require an ID in order for these ballots to be counted.

✦ Definition of “accessible” as it relates to voters who are elderly or who have a disability

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (subchapter 1-F of Chapter 20 of Title 42 U.S.C) the Secretary of State has determined that the term “accessible” as applied to handicapped and elderly voters shall mean that the location of the polling place is physically accessible to handicapped and elderly voters.

If a handicapped or elderly voter is unable to access his or her assigned polling place due to a neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory, cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects the ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear, or speak, that voter’s polling place is not “accessible” to him or her.



WHAT ABOUT VOTERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY OR WHO RESIDE OVERSEAS?

An individual eligible to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) is not required to provide ID prior to voting.

The term “UOCAVA voter” includes anyone who is a member of the Uniformed Services (including his or her spouse and dependents), Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It also includes anyone who is a U.S. citizen residing overseas whose last place of residency prior to moving overseas was in Alabama.

**ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS
FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD ISSUING OFFICES**

Autauga County

218 N. Court St.
Prattville 36067
(334) 358-6740

Baldwin County

119 West 2nd St
Bay Minette 36507
(251) 937-0305

1100 Fairhope Ave
Fairhope 36532
(251) 928-3002 ext 2617

201 Section Street
Foley 36535
(251) 943-5061 ext 2859

Barbour County

113 Court Street
Clayton 36016
(334) 775-8579

303 E Broad St Rm 108
Eufaula 36027
(334) 687-1585

Bibb County

8 Court Square W
Centreville 35042
(205) 926-3102

Blount County

220 Second Ave E Rm B-5
Oneonta 35121
(205) 625-4182

Bullock County

217 Prairie St N Rm 101
Union Springs 36089-1659
(334) 738-5372

Butler County

700 Court Sq Rm 8
Greenville 36037-2308
(334) 382-5685
(334) 382-6829

Calhoun County

1702 Noble St Ste 113
Anniston 36201-3889
(256) 241-2930

Chambers County

18 Alabama Ave E Rm 101
LaFayette 36862
(334) 864-4313

610 S Gilmer Ave
Lanett 36863
(334) 644-7781

Cherokee County

260 Cedar Bluff Rd Ste 106
Centre 35960-1403
(256) 927-5336

Chilton County

500 2nd Ave N Rm 119
Clanton 35045
(205) 755-3820

Choctaw County

117 S Mulberry Ave Ste 1
Butler 36904-0132
(205) 459-2531

Clarke County

114 Court St
Grove Hill 36451
(251) 275-3062

Clay County

25 Courthouse Square, 1st
Floor
Ashland 36251
(256) 354-7815

Cleburne County

120 Vickery St Rm 103
Heflin 36264-1166
(256) 463-5299

Coffee County

6 County Complex
New Brockton 36351-9791
(334) 894-5347

Colbert County

201 N Main St
Tuscumbia 35674-2095
(256) 386-8535

Conecuh County

200 Court St Rm 224
Evergreen 36401
(251) 578-7024

Coosa County

9709 US Hwy 231
Rockford 35136
(256) 377-2418

Covington County

228 Hillcrest Dr
Andalusia 36420-2570
(334) 428-2685

Crenshaw County

29 S Glenwood Ave
Luverne 36049
(334) 335-6568 x251
(334) 335-6568 x253

Cullman County

500 2nd Ave SW Ste 112
Cullman 35055-4135
(256) 775-4697
(256) 775-4750

Dale County

100 Court Square
Ozark 36360
(334) 774-9038

Dallas County

105 Lauderdale St Rm 122
Selma 36701
(334) 874-2534

**ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS
FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD ISSUING OFFICES**

DeKalb County

111 Grand Ave SW Ste 105
Fort Payne 35967
(256) 845-8598

Henry County

101 Court Square Ste K
Abbeville 36310-2135
(334) 585-6080

Limestone County

100 Clinton St S Ste E
Athens 35611-2665
(256) 233-6405

Elmore County

100 E Commerce St Rm 205
Wetumpka 36092-2746
(334) 567-1150
(334) 567-1197

Houston County

462 N Oates
Dothan 36303
(334) 677-4776

Lowndes County

205 Tuskeena St E Rm 101
Hayneville 36040
(334) 548-2389
(334) 548-2080

Escambia County

301 Belleville Ave Rm 204
Brewton 36426
(251) 867-0243
(251) 867-0312

Jackson County

102 E Laurel St
Scottsboro 35768
(256) 574-9339
(256) 574-9335

Macon County

101 Rosa Parks Ave Ste 100
Tuskegee 36083-1735
(334) 724-2617

Etowah County

800 Forrest Ave Ste 206
Gadsden 35901-3651
(256) 549-5384

Jefferson County

716 R Arrington Jr Blvd N
Ste A-410
Birmingham 35203-0115
(205) 325-5550

Madison County

819 Cook Ave NW, Ste 150
Huntsville 35801-5983
(256) 532-3510
(256) 532-3519

Fayette County

103 First Ave NW Ste 4
Fayette 35555-2627
(205) 932-5432

Lamar County

44690 Hwy 17
Vernon 35592
(205) 695-6348
(205) 695-9197

Marengo County

101 E Coats Ave
Linden 36748
(334) 295-2249
(334) 295-2086

Franklin County

410 Jackson Ave
Russellville 35653
(256) 332-8849

Lauderdale County

200 South Court Street
Florence 35630
(256) 760-5840
(256) 760-5841

Marion County

132 Military Street South
Hamilton 35570
(205) 921-3625

Geneva County

200 N Commerce St
Geneva 36340
(334) 684-5655

Lawrence County

14451 Market Street Ste 340
Moulton 35650
(256) 974-2460
(256) 974-2461

Marshall County

424 Blount Ave Ste 106A
Guntersville 35976-1122
(256) 571-7740

Greene County

110 Main Street
Eutaw 35443
(205) 372-9669

Lee County

215 S 9th St
Opelika 36801
(334) 737-3635

Mobile County

151 Government St Ste 165
Mobile 36602
(251) 574-8586
(251) 574-8587

Hale County

905D Centerville St
Greensboro 36744-1536
(334) 624-4672

**ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS
FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD ISSUING OFFICES**

Monroe County

65 N. Alabama Ave.
Monroeville 36460
(251) 743-4107 x141

Montgomery County

100 S Lawrence St
Montgomery 36104
(334) 832-1215

Morgan County

302 Lee St NE
Decatur 35601
(256) 351-4660
(256) 351-4663

Perry County

300 Washington St Ste 102
Marion 36756
(334) 683-2218 x5

Pickens County

155 Reform Street, Suite 303
Carrollton 35447
(205) 367-2074

1 Courthouse Square
Talladega 35160
(256) 761-2131
(256) 761-2132

Pike County

120 W Church St Rm B2
Troy 36081-1913
(334) 566-1757
(334) 566-6449

Randolph County

14 Broad Street SE, Suite 3
Wedowee 36278
(256) 357-2138

Russell County

1000 Broad St
Phenix City 36867
(334) 298-1443
(334) 448-1508

Shelby County

108 W College Street
Ste 100
Columbiana 35051
(205) 669-3913

St. Clair County

1815 Cogswell Ave Ste B-10
Pell City 35125
(205) 338-3954

Sumter County

311 S Washington St
Livingston 35470
(205) 652-7902

Talladega County

400 N Norton Ave
Sylacauga 35150-2010
(256) 249-1007
(256) 249-1014

Tallapoosa County

125 N Broadnax St Rm 20
Dadeville 36853-1371
(256) 825-1081

Tuscaloosa County

2501 7th St Ste 200
Tuscaloosa 35401-1801
(205) 349-3870 x415

Walker County

1803 3rd Ave Ste 109A
Jasper 35501
(205) 384-7279

Washington County

45 Court St
Chatom 36558
(251) 847-3255

Wilcox County

219 Claiborne Street
Camden 36726
(334) 682-9753

Winston County

11 Blake Dr Rm 3
Double Springs 35553
(205) 489-3966

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