



2012 Voter ID Law

Senate Bill 289

House Bill 1354



Voter ID Law

- In 2012 the legislature passed a photo ID requirement to obtain a ballot at the polling place for **all** elections, including local elections.
- The process for registering to vote remains the same although some of the affidavit forms have changed.
- The voter ID law, by itself, should not result in voters on the checklist being turned away or not having their vote counted on the day of the election.

Acceptable Forms of ID for 2012

- Drivers License issued by any state (even if expired)
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles)
- U.S. Armed Services ID card
- U.S. Passport (even if expired)

Acceptable Forms of ID for 2012 cont'd

- Valid photo ID card issued by federal, state, county or local government
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

2012 Primary Election

- Ballot Clerk asks voter to present photo ID
- If voter does not have ID:
 - Voter will be informed ID will be required in future elections
 - Voter will be handed an explanatory document
- Voter will be handed a ballot so they can proceed to vote

State of New Hampshire
Voter ID Law - Laws of 2012, Chapter 289
Explanatory Document

During the 2012 legislative session the legislature passed House Bill 1354, also known as the "Voter ID" Law. The new law will phase-in a photo identification requirement over a period of time.

This explanatory document is required under the "Voter ID" law as part of the process of educating the public about the law's requirements and application and outlines the law's requirements for 2012.

What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?

For any election before Sept. 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired);
- ID card issued by NH DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles);
- U.S. Armed Services ID card;
- U.S. Passport (even if expired);
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county or municipal government;
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the clerk; or
- Verification of identity by a supervisor of the checklist, the moderator or the clerk.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a "challenged voter affidavit" in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State, requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information? Your city or town clerk or the Secretary of State



2012 General Election

- Ballot Clerk asks voter to present photo ID
- If voter does not have ID:
 - Voter must fill out “Challenged Voter Affidavit”
 - Ballot Clerk will mark on checklist that voter executed “Challenged Voter Affidavit” instead of presenting a Photo ID
 - Voter will be handed a ballot so they can proceed to vote

2012 General Election



CHALLENGED VOTER AFFIDAVIT (RSA 659:27, 28-32, 652:14)

I _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) under
(Print name of Voter)
penalties of voter fraud, that I am the identical person whom I represent myself to be, that I am a
duly qualified voter of this town (or ward), and have a legal domicile therein.

(Signature of Voter)

At the 2012 September Primary General Election (circle one)

the said _____
took and subscribed the above oath before the below-named officer.

Moderator, deputy moderator, assistant moderator, town clerk, deputy town clerk, city clerk, deputy city clerk, ward clerk, selectman, supervisor of the checklist, registrar, or deputy registrar, notary public, or justice of the peace

Vouchers for Photo ID from DMV

- City and Town Clerks, and the Secretary of State, are authorized to issue vouchers for a “non-driver photo id for voting purposes only” at no charge to a voter if:
 - The voters name appears on the checklist, and
 - The voter asserts they do not have an acceptable form of photo ID

Vouchers for Photo ID from DMV

- Vouchers will require the City or Town Clerk's seal and signature
- Voter will deliver voucher to DMV licensing office
- DMV will ask for voter's birth date
- If DMV determines voter already has drivers license or non-driver ID, voter will be told that continuing voucher process will result in the discontinuance of the other ID issued by DMV

Vouchers for Photo ID from DMV

- Voter will receive temporary ID until permanent ID is mailed to them
- Image of voter will be deleted from system after ID is created.

Form of Voter ID from DMV

- Vertical design similar to underage drivers
- Will contain image of voter
- Will contain signature of voter
- Will contain date of issue
- There will not be an expiration date
- Will contain domicile address
- Will display “For Voting Purposes Only”

Absentee Voting

The background features the words 'New Votes' in a large, light-colored font. The 'New' is in blue and the 'Votes' is in red. There are icons of a person in a wheelchair and a person at a ballot box, along with stars and stripes, suggesting a theme of accessibility and voting.

- The absentee voting process is unchanged by the photo ID legislation.

Identity Verification Mailings

- Verification mailings returned as undeliverable or not responded to by the voter will be submitted to the Attorney General for an investigation.
- Within 60 days after a General Election the Secretary of State must file a report to legislative leaders on the number of voters that did not present an acceptable photo ID for each election (including local elections) since the last report was filed.