

## **Voter Photo ID Required for Voting at the Polling place in November**

Now that voters will bring their photo IDs to the polling place, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are. As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections. Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, election workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you. The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs that say Sue can relax.) Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you, even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight. Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you're ready to vote.

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recently general election (currently, the November 6, 2012):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if expired, revoked or suspended.
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card (available for free, please go to <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm> for more information).
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service (veteran ID card not included)
- A U.S. passport book or card

The WI DOT has a new policy to help people who do not have birth certificates obtain a free state ID card for voting purposes: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/petition-process.htm>.

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented

- A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, Signature of Student and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment
- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

## **Absentee Voting and Photo ID**

Regular absentee voters, including those temporarily overseas, are required to provide a photo ID before being sent an absentee ballot. However, once photo ID is provided, an absentee voter does not need to resubmit photo ID when requesting an absentee ballot by mail for future elections, as long as they have not moved or changed their name. If you have received this ballot without providing photo ID

with a prior absentee application, please contact your municipal clerk at the information below to confirm your status.

Indefinitely confined voters are persons who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity, or disability, are eligible to receive ballots automatically for all elections. If you requested absentee ballots as an indefinitely-confined elector, you are not required to provide photo ID.

To print off a copy of the absentee application please go to:

[http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab\\_forms/4/gab\\_121\\_application\\_for\\_absentee\\_ballot\\_2014\\_09\\_\\_10111.pdf](http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_forms/4/gab_121_application_for_absentee_ballot_2014_09__10111.pdf).