

### Provisional Ballots

Voters who are required but unable to provide photo ID will become provisional voters. **Provisional ballots are not counted** unless the voter provides the Municipal Clerk's Office with acceptable photo ID no later than 4 p.m. the Friday after the election.

### Signing the Poll Book

Voters must sign or make their mark on the poll book in order to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter.

Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, simply tell the election Officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. Election Officials will write "exempt" in your signature block.

### Voter Registration Changes

You now must reside at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote. You may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. If you do not have a utility bill, bank statement, Wisconsin ID, paycheck, gov't document, or lease in your name at your current address, you must register with your Municipal Clerk more than 20 days before the election.

Electors that have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election must vote from their previous address. They may vote at the polling place for their previous address, or by absentee ballot in the municipality of their previous address. Photo ID requirements vary based on whether they meet an exception listed above, and how they request a ballot.

**For further assistance and information contact your Local Municipal Clerk or the**

**Door County Clerk's Office  
(920-746-2200)**

**jlau@co.door.wi.us**

**Door County Government Center  
421 Nebraska Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

**Hours:**

**8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Voter Public Access**

**<https://vpa.wi.gov>**

**Government Accountability Board**

**<http://gab.wi.gov>**



# Changes to Wisconsin Election Laws

Effective 2012

## County of Door



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Voter Photo ID is now the law in Wisconsin.

Starting in 2012, voters will be required to show a photo ID in order to receive a ballot and vote. **Your photo ID does not need to show a current address.** You DO NOT need to show a photo ID to register to vote.

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 2, 2010 election):

- \* A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- \* A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- \* Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- \* A U.S. passport

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 driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)
- \* An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 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 the following:
  - Date of Issuance
  - Signature of Student
  - Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance
  - The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.



### Need Photo ID?

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin ID card, you may obtain a **FREE** ID for purposes of voting. You will need to complete a DMV application. Check the box on the application to indicate that you are applying for an ID and check the box indicating you need the ID for voting purposes.

To learn about getting a free Wisconsin ID card, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>

### Photo ID Exemptions

Photo ID will not be required but will be replaced by alternative documentation requirements for:

- \* Indefinitely confined electors (permanent absentees) may provide a copy of their photo ID, but the witness certification on the absentee envelope will qualify as a substitute proof of ID.
- \* Voters in care facilities visited by Special Voting Deputies (usually nursing homes) may provide a copy of their photo ID, but the witness certification, if signed by both Special Voting Deputies, qualifies as a substitute proof of ID.
- \* Voters in other care facilities that are eligible for Special Voting Deputy procedures, but are not visited by Special Voting Deputies, may provide a copy of their photo ID or a certification statement signed by an authorized representative of the facility and also the absentee ballot witness. If the voter is indefinitely confined, the witness certification on the absentee envelope will also qualify as a substitute proof of ID.

Photo ID is not required for the following absentee voters:

- \* Military Voters
- \* Voters who are permanently overseas
- \*Note - if you are temporarily overseas, and you have intent to return, you are not considered an overseas voter, and you must provide proof of ID with your absentee application or ballot.

### Changes to Absentee Voting

Absentee voting in the Municipal Clerk's Office begins two weeks before an election. Absentee voting ends at the close of business the Friday before the election.

Absentee voters in the Clerk's Office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls (see list on the left).

### Absentee Ballot Requests

Regular absentee voters requesting their ballot by mail must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request. Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).

If submitting an absentee request via fax or e-mail, voters may provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request, but are not required to. If a copy of their photo ID is not provided with the request, these voters must provide a copy of their photo ID with their returned absentee ballot. Once photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide proof of ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).