

Kansas House Bill 2067, Voter ID Requirements

In 2011, the Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 2067, which was designed to alter how elections are conducted, and to change the voter registration process. Beginning January 1, 2012, virtually all Kansas voters are required to produce photographic identification at their polling location in order to vote, with few exceptions (listed below). For those voters that fail to present appropriate voter identification to the election board, they will have to vote provisionally on Election Day, and they have until the Official Canvass date to show their identification to the Election Office, or else their ballot will not be counted.

Election Board workers are required to ask voters to show their photographic identification to make sure the picture matches the person asking to vote, and that the voter's name matches the poll book. In instances where the photograph is outdated or hard to see, the poll workers are responsible for determining whether or not the voters are permitted to vote at the polling location. **If photographic identification is not possible, voters will still be able to vote, but will vote provisionally.** Please contact the Election Office if you have questions or concerns.

The following are acceptable forms of photo identification:

- Driver's license issued by Kansas or another state
- State ID card issued by Kansas or another state
- Concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or another state
- US passport
- Employee badge or ID document issued by a government agency
- US military identification
- Student ID issued by accredited postsecondary institution of education in Kansas
- Public assistance ID card issued by a government agency

The following persons are exempt from the photographic ID requirement:

- Those who have a permanent disability that makes it impossible for them to travel to obtain a qualifying ID form and who are qualified for permanent advance voting status
- Members of the uniformed service on active duty who, if on duty, are absent from the county on election day
- Members of the merchant marine who are absent from the county on election day
- The spouse or dependent of a member of either the uniformed service or merchant marine who, by reason of the member's duty or service, is absent from the county on election day
- Those citizens who have religious beliefs that prohibit photographic identification, who are required to fill out the *Declaration of Religious Objection to Photographic Identification* form, available from the Douglas County Election Office, or the Secretary of State's office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to show my ID when I register to vote in 2012?

No. Both the paper registration form and the online voter registration system available through the Secretary of State's Office ask for a valid driver's license number, but you will not need to show anyone the ID itself except at your polling location. If you advance vote, you will need to either provide your KS driver's/non-driver's license ID number, or provide a photocopy of other form of acceptable ID with your completed application for advance vote.

How will this new ID requirement affect the advancing voting process?

Advance voting will feature new forms and envelopes meant to accommodate the new identification requirements, but there has been no change in your ability to vote in advance. We encourage our voters to consider voting in advance (either in person or by mail), it does lessen polling location traffic.

I do not have a valid driver's license. Should I get a new driver's license?

If you do not possess any other form of acceptable identification, you can use an expired driver's license if you are over sixty-five (65) years of age, or you can request a free non-driver's license for election purposes from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

I am registered to vote in Douglas County, but I have an out of state driver's license. Will I be able to vote?

Yes. The law allows anyone who is registered to vote in Kansas to do so, despite out of state driver's licenses, as long as the name and the physical description match the poll book.