

Voting at the Polls – Identification Required

Law takes effect January 1, 2018

Each active registered voter **who does not have** an Iowa driver's license or an Iowa non-operator's identification card receives through the mail a voter identification card with a confidential voter verification number. **The voter identification card must be signed by the voter prior to going to the polls.**

Voter identification cards are not sent to voters listed by the Iowa Department of Transportation as having an Iowa driver's license or an Iowa non-operator's identification card. Voters with an Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-operator identification card receive [an acknowledgement card of voter registration](#), including polling place information. **The identification card for voting purposes for such voters is their driver's license or non-operator's ID.**

To vote a regular (non-provisional) ballot at the polls, voters properly registered in the precincts where they reside **must present as identification** one of the following:

- 1) Iowa driver's license
- 2) Iowa non-operator's identification card
- 3) U.S. passport
- 4) U.S. military or veteran's identification card
- 5) [Voter identification card](#) issued under this new law (**voter cards previously provided by county auditors is not be valid for purposes of voting.**)
- 6) If the voter can provide none of these, the voter may establish identity as described under "Election Day Registration," or with an attester ([Election Day Registration](#)).

Precinct election officials check all forms of identification for validity.

Attesters. Persons registered to vote but unable to present any of the above identification will be allowed to vote if their identity and residence within the precinct is attested to by a voter who is properly registered in the precinct (either preregistered or registered at the polls on election day). The attester must sign a prescribed oath, and may not attest for more than two voters in that election (except that such an attester may also attest for one person wishing to register to vote on election day).

Until January 1, 2019, a registered voter who fails to establish identity as described above shall be permitted to cast a regular ballot upon signing a prescribed oath attesting to the voter's identity.

A voter unable to establish identity as described above shall be permitted to cast a **provisional ballot**. In order for the provisional ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the necessary identification to the Absentee and Special Voters Precinct Board before the deadline for receiving absentee ballots before the election canvass. This is usually noon on the Monday following the election (earlier date for school elections and for cities opting for runoff election provisions.)

For questions, contact the Auditor's Office at (515) 382-7210 or auditorweb@storycountyowa.gov