



## **Voter ID in Texas 2018 Edition**

# Updated Procedures

# There are two different types of ID

Those on “List A” and those on “List B”

Voters should first be asked if they possess **one of the acceptable forms of photo ID on List A.**

This ID:

- Must be current; or
- Must not be expired more than four years

# There are two different types of ID

If the voter says they do have a Type A ID outlined on the previous slide, they must present it.

**NOTE:** If a voter has continued access to this acceptable form of photo ID, but does not have it in their possession when asked at the polls, they **must** still use it to vote.

So...

# There are two different types of ID

## Type A IDs

If the voter states that they possess but **did not bring their acceptable ID to the polling place**, they may:

1. Vote a provisional ballot and bring the acceptable form of ID to the county voter registrar by November 13, 2018, to cure their ballot.
2. Choose to leave without voting and return to the polling place with the acceptable form of ID before the polls close on Election Day and vote then.

# There are two different types of ID

## Type A IDs

If the voter states that they possess but **did not bring their acceptable ID to the polling place**, and they choose to vote a provisional ballot, they may also complete a natural disaster affidavit if their acceptable photo ID is inaccessible due to certain natural disasters.

# There are two different types of ID

**If the voter says they do NOT have a Type A ID, the election work should ask the voter whether they cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID on List A.**

If the voter indicates that they cannot, the worker must inform the voter that they can present a supporting form of ID on “List B” and complete a “Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID).”

afterwhich, the voter will complete their check-in, and proceed to the voting booth to cast a regular ballot.

# There are two different types of ID

**If the voter did not bring a form of ID on List A or List B to the polling place,** they may:

- Vote a provisional ballot and “cure” by appearing at the county voter registrar’s office by November 13, 2018 and
  - a. Presenting an acceptable form of photo ID
  - b. Showing a supporting form of ID and executing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration; or
  - c. Qualifying for one of the exemptions: disability, natural disaster, or religious objection to being photographed.



# There are two different types of ID

**If the voter does not have a form of ID on List A; and has but did not bring a form of ID on List B to the polling place, they may:**

- Return to the polling place with their supporting form of ID before the polls close, and execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and vote then.

# Address on ID

**Election Workers should not compare the address on any ID (List A or List B) to the address on the list of registered voters.**

They are NOT required to match!

**Election Workers are only required to confirm with the voter that the address on the list of registered voters is correct. (§63.0011)**

- For example, by asking the voter: “Do you still live on Main Street?”
- This allows the voter to update their registration records.

# If the voter says...

**Yes: This confirms that their registration records are up-to-date.**

The voter should complete the check-in process once they have:

- Shown a List A ID or if they qualify for one of the exemptions;  
or
- Shown a List B ID and completed the Declaration.

And proceed to voting a regular ballot.

# If the voter says...

**No: This means that the voter needs to update their address with the voter registrar.**

The voter should complete a Statement of Residence, then finish the check-in process once they have:

- Shown a List A ID or if they qualify for one of the exemptions;  
or
- Shown a List B ID and completed the Declaration.

And proceed to voting a regular ballot.

# List A – Acceptable Forms of ID

**There are 7 forms of ID on List A:**

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS;
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph;
- United States Passport (book or card).

# Expiration Dates

## Updated Procedure:

- For voters aged 18-69, an acceptable identification from “List A” must not have expired more than 4 years before being presented at the polling place.
- A person 70 years of age or older may use a form of identification from List A that has expired if the identification is otherwise valid.

NOTE: This is different than some previous elections where the expiration date was required to be not more than 60 days.

# Expiration Dates

**Remember – some ID cards do not expire, including:**

- Texas Identification Cards for persons aged 60 or older may be permanent and marked “INDEF.”
- Texas Election Identification Certificates (EIC) for persons aged 70 or older are permanent cards.
- Some military ID cards are permanent, including Uniformed Services ID cards and Veterans Affairs ID cards. These are usually marked “INDEF.”
- Certificates of Naturalization and Certificates of Citizenship.

# List B – Supporting Forms of ID

**If a voter does not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo identification in List A, and the voter cannot reasonably obtain such identification, the voter may execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and present a copy or original of one of the following forms of supporting identification:**

- a government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's voter registration certificate;
- current utility bill;
- bank statement;
- government check;
- paycheck; or
- (a) a certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or  
(b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include a foreign birth document).



# Reasonable Impediment Declaration

**The voter must indicate one of the following impediments:**

- Lack of transportation
- Disability or illness
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain acceptable form of photo ID
- Work schedule
- Family responsibilities
- Lost or stolen identification
- Acceptable form of photo ID applied for but not received

# Declaration of Reasonable Impediment

**If the voter states that they do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID, Election Workers may not question the voter as to why.**

If the voter states that they do not possess an acceptable form of photo ID from List A, and the voter, in response to the question as to whether they cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID from List A, answers “yes,” that they cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable ID from List A, Election Workers should simply state that if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID, they can show a supporting form of ID from List B, and execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

# Declaration of Reasonable Impediment

- **Election Workers may not question the reasonableness of the voter's reasonable impediment.**

For example, if the voter checks “lack of transportation”, Election Workers may not challenge the voter's access to a bus route or other means of transportation.

- **A signed reasonable impediment declaration shall be rejected only upon conclusive evidence that the person completing the declaration is not the person in whose name the ballot is cast.**

# List A – Acceptable Forms of ID

# Texas Driver's License



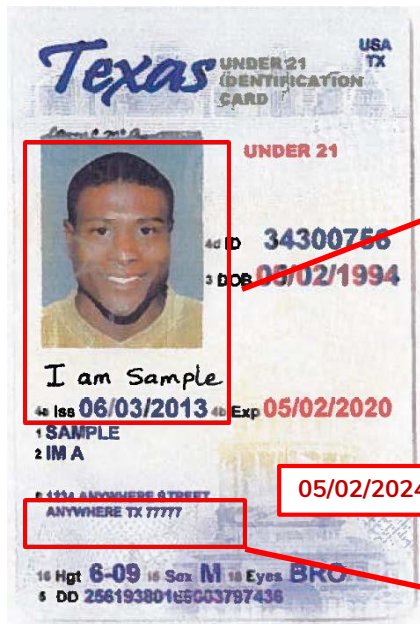
Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

Name: If the voter's name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

NOTE: This form of ID should not be used if "Limited Term" or "Temporary Visitor" appears on the face of the card as this indicates the person is not a U.S. Citizen.

# Texas Driver's License – Under 21



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or expired within 4 years.

Name: If the voter's name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

NOTE: This form of ID should not be used if "Limited Term" or "Temporary Visitor" appears on the face of the card as this indicates the person is not a U.S. Citizen.

# Election Identification Certificate (EIC)

**SAMPLE**

STATE OF TEXAS  
ELECTION CERTIFICATE

EC# 12345678

 L1 SAMPLE

Date of Birth  
10/30/1986

Expiration Date  
10/30/2024

LASTNAMEWXXUUEXXUUEXXUUEXXUL  
FIRSTNAME MIDDLE NAME SUFFIX WXX

FOR ELECTION PURPOSES ONLY  
CANNOT BE USED AS IDENTIFICATION

Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.** Also, EICs do not expire for persons who acquire them at age 70 or older.

Name: If the voter's name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

# Texas Personal Identification Card



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.** NOTE: Some Personal ID Cards may not expire.

Name: If the voter's name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

NOTE: This form of ID should not be used if "Limited Term" or "Temporary Visitor" appears on the face of the card as this indicates the person is not a U.S. Citizen.



# DPS Receipts with Photo

LOCATION: 698  
TIME STAMP: 16:23:39  
DATE STAMP: 06-03-2013

ORGAN DONOR: N  
VOTER REGISTRATION: N

RECEIPT NUMBER: 405DLA795205390

MAILING ADDRESS:  
1234 ANYWHERE STREET  
ANYWHERE, TX 78755

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CARD VALID UNTIL 07-18-2013



DATE OF BIRTH: 11-01-1954  
SEX: M HEIGHT: 5' 07"  
EYE COLOR: BRO

DL/ID/UNL NUMBER: 34300744 CARD TYPE: ID

COMMUNICATION IMPEDIMENT

NAME: SAMPLE,  
IMA TEST

ADDRESS:  
1234 ANYWHERE STREET  
ANYWHERE, TX 78755

EXPIRATION DATE: 11-01-2019  
ISSUANCE DATE: 06-03-2013

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYEE \_\_\_\_\_

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- For driver license related questions, please call 512-424-2600 or refer to the DPS website at [www.dps.texas.gov](http://www.dps.texas.gov) or at [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov).
  - Your DL/ID Card will be processed and mailed within 30-60 days.
  - You must continue to carry this Temporary Permit until your new card is received.
  - For roadside assistance related to the following issues, please call 1-800-525-5555.
    - Stranded with car problems
    - Hazardous road conditions
    - Debris in the roadway

# DPS Receipts with Photo

- Receipts are issued at DPS when voters apply for a **driver's license, identification card, or EIC.**
- They are printed on letter sized paper.
- They are used until real card is received by individual in the mail.
- For voters aged 18-69, the receipt should not be expired more than 4 years before being presented for voting. **For voters aged 70 or older, the receipt may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

# Handgun License



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

Name: If the voter's name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

# Concealed Handgun License



This version of the CHL was issued through April 2014 and they are valid for 4-5 years.



This version of the CHL was issued through August 2015 and they are valid for 4-5 years.

# U.S. Military Identification Cards

The following standards should be used by poll workers to determine if a United States military card is acceptable:

- The ID card is federal;
- The ID card is military;
- The ID card contains a photograph;
- The ID contains an **expiration date which is:**
  - For voters aged 18-69: **in the future** or is the date of presentation; or a **past expiration date which, was not more than 4 years from the date of presentation;**
  - For voters aged 70 or older, the ID may be **expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid;** or
  - Does not contain any expiration date.

# U.S. Military Identification Cards

**Military ID Cards may include, but are not necessarily limited to:**

- Department of Defense (DoD) Common Access Card (CAC)
- Uniformed Services ID Cards
- DoD Civilian Retiree Cards
- Veterans Affairs ID Cards

# DoD Common Access Card “CAC”



**NOTE:** The seals to the right of the picture will change according to branch of service.



# Voting in Texas with a CAC



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

Name: If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.



# Exception



- CACs with a blue bar across the name signify that the cardholder is a non-U.S. citizen, and may not be a qualified voter.
- Contractors will have a green bar, which will be sufficient for use if other qualifications are met.

# Uniformed Services ID Cards

There are four versions of Uniformed Services ID Cards.  
All look similar, but are issued in four different colors.



# Uniformed Services ID Cards



**Green** – Generally for members of the Individual Ready Reserves and Inactive National Guard.



**Blue** – Generally for retirees, and members on Disability Retired Lists.



**Pink** – Generally for retired members of the Reserves and National Guard under the age of 60, and certain dependents.



**Orange** – Generally for certain dependents (active duty), Medal of Honor recipients, disabled veterans, and others.

# Uniformed Services ID Cards

Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

**However, not all cards expire-some will say "INDEF" for indefinitely.**

Name: If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.



# DoD Civilian Retiree Cards



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Name: If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

# Veteran Identification Card (VIC)



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Name: If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

**Veteran Affairs IDs do not expire.**



# Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

Name: If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

VHICs may or may not have an expiration date. If a VHIC contains an expiration date, the VHIC must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, it may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

# U.S. Certificate of Citizenship

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

No. [REDACTED]

U.S.C.I.S. Registration No. A999999999

Personal description of holder as of date of issuance of this certificate: Sex **MALE**; Date of birth **NOVEMBER 10, 1999**  
Height **5** feet **10** inches; Marital status **SINGLE**; Country of birth **CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me

**SAMPLE**  
(Complete with signature of holder)

Be it known that:  
**JOHN JOSHUA GRAY**  
now residing at **WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
having applied to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for a certificate of citizenship pursuant to Section 841 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, having proved to the satisfaction of the Director, that (s)he is now a citizen of the United States of America, became a citizen thereof on **FEBRUARY 2, 2002** and is now in the United States.

Now Therefore, in pursuance of the authority contained in Section 841 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, this certificate of citizenship is issued this **20th** day of **OCTOBER** **TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN** and the seal of the Department of Homeland Security affixed pursuant to statute.

**SAMPLE**  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**REMEMBER – Certificates of Citizenship do not expire.**



# U.S. Certificate of Naturalization

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION**

No. S0000000

USCIS Registration No. A999999999999999

*Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization:*

*Date of birth:* JANUARY 99, 0000

*Sex:* MALE

*Height:* 5 feet 9 inches

*Marital status:* MARRIED

*Country of former nationality:* FORMER NATIONALITY COUNTRY

*I certify that the description given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.*

**New Citizen Signature Here**  
*(Complete and true signature of holder)*

*Be it known that, pursuant to an application filed with the Secretary of Homeland Security*

*at:* USCIS FIELD OFFICE CITY NAME, STATE NAME

*The Secretary, having found that:*

NEW CITIZEN NAME - EPSON B-510DN - NEW ASC PHOTO

*residing at:*

Mytown, State

*having complied in all respects with all of the applicable provisions of the naturalization laws of the United States, being entitled to be admitted as a citizen of the United States, and having taken the oath of allegiance at a ceremony conducted by*

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

*at:* CEREMONY CITY, STATE *on:* JULY 99, 0000

*such person is admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.*

**\*\* TEST CERTIFICATE \*\***

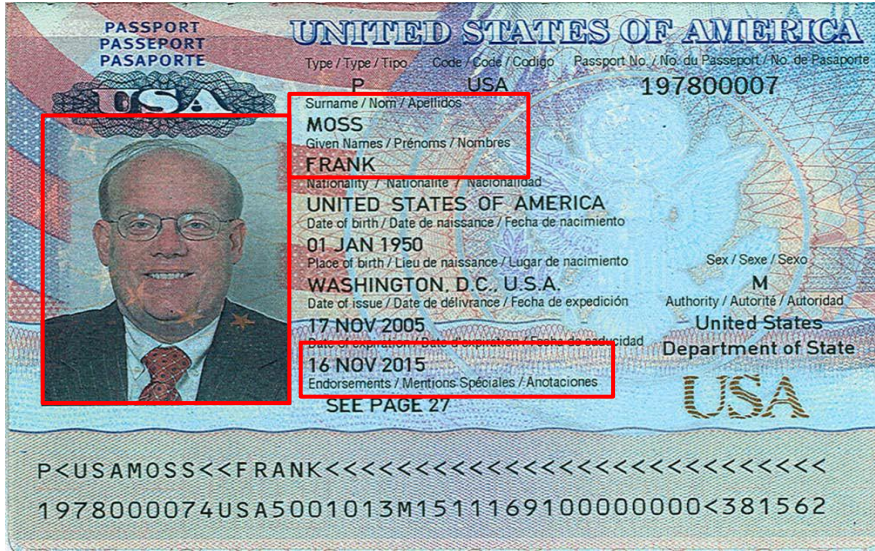
*U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services*

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

FORM N-550 (REV. 06/10)

**REMEMBER – Certificates of Naturalization do not expire.**

# U.S. Passport



Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.

**Name:** If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years. **For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**



# U.S. Passport Card

Front



Back



- Allows entry from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. Wallet Size.
- Photograph: This ID must contain a photograph of the voter.
- Name: If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.
- Expiration Date: Must be valid, or, for voters aged 18-69, expired within 4 years.  
**For voters aged 70 or older, may be expired for any length of time so long as it is otherwise valid.**

# Permanent Exemption


If a voter has applied for and received a permanent exemption to the photo ID requirement, they will provide a voter registration certificate with an (E) notation.

VOTER REGISTRAR  
800-687-8546 / 972-547-1990  
2010 REDBUD BLVD., SUITE 102  
MCKINNEY, TX 75069  
www.collincountytx.gov

Secretary of State's Office  
Elections Division  
1-800-252-VOTE (8683)

2016 – 2017 Sample

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

 VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE  
(Certificado de Registro Electoral)  
COLLIN COUNTY (condado de Collin)

|                                   |                       |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| VOID (VOID)                       | Gender (Sexo)         | Valid from (Fecha desde) |
| Year of Birth (Año de Nacimiento) | Prec. No. (Pct. Num.) | thru (hasta)             |

Name and Permanent Residence Address (Nombre y dirección residencial permanente)  
Voter, John Q.  
1234 Street  
City Name, Tx 75024

☒ VOTER MUST PERSONALLY SIGN HIS/HER NAME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, IF ABLE.  
(E) Votante debe firmar esta tarjeta personalmente al punto de recibirla si puede.

|                     |                           |                          |                           |      |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| CONGRESS (Congreso) | STATE SEN. (Sen. Estado)  | STATE REP. (Rep. Estado) | COM                       | JP   |
| CITY (Ciudad)       | CITY DIST. (Ciudad dist.) | ISD (escuela)            | ISD DIST. (escuela dist.) | SBOE |

Name and Mailing Address (Nombre y dirección de correo)  
John Q. Voter  
1234 Street  
City Name, Tx 75024

Party Primary (Voté en la elección primaria designado político no marcado arriba)  
Voted in the (Voté en la elección primaria designado político no marcado arriba)

## NOTE:

Designation of  
(E) next to VOID Number.

Example:

**1197099876 (E).**



# Permanent Exemption

If the voter has a permanent exemption, and they present their voter registration certificate with the **(E)** next to the **VUID**, they do not need to complete a **Reasonable Impediment Declaration**.

# List B – Supporting Forms of ID

# Copy or Original of Government Document, Including the Voter's Voter Registration Certificate

- MUST include voter's name and an address. REMEMBER: The address on the supporting ID does not have to match the voter's registration address.
- If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.
- Must be issued by the federal government, a federally recognized tribal government, or a state or local government in the U.S.

# Copy or Original of Government Document, Including the Voter's Voter Registration Certificate

## Examples of Other Government Documents:

- Driver's licenses from other states
- ID cards issued by federally recognized Native American tribes (if the ID card contains an address)
- DPS Receipts (without a photo)
- Current or expired voter registration certificates
- For voters aged 18-69, expired Texas DPS-issued driver licenses or personal ID cards (over 4 years)



# Voter Registration Certificate

VOTER REGISTRAR  
800-687-8546 / 972-547-1990  
2010 REDBUD BLVD., SUITE 102  
MCKINNEY, TX 75069  
www.collincountytx.gov

Secretary of State's Office  
Elections Division  
1-800-252-VOTE (8683)

2018 – 2019 Sample

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (Certificado de Registro Electoral)

COLLIN COUNTY (condado de Collin)

|                                      |                          |                             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| VOID (VUID)                          | Gender<br>(Sexo)         | Valid from<br>(Valdo desde) |
| Year of Birth<br>(Año de Nacimiento) | Prec. No.<br>(Pct. Num.) | thru (hasta)                |

Name and Permanent Residence Address  
(Nombre y dirección residencial permanente)

Voter, John Q.  
1234 Street  
City Name, Tx 75024

X

VOTER MUST PERSONALLY SIGN HIS/HER NAME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, IF ABLE  
(E) Votante debe firmar esta tarjeta personalmente al punto de recibirla si puede)

Party Primary  
(Voto en la elección primaria del partido político nombrado arriba)

|                        |                             |                             |                              |      |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| CONGRESS<br>(Congreso) | STATE SEN.<br>(Sen Estado)  | STATE REP.<br>(Rep. Estado) | COM                          | JP   |
| CITY<br>(Ciudad)       | CITY DIST<br>(Ciudad dist.) | ISD<br>(escuela)            | ISD DIST.<br>(escuela dist.) | SBOE |

Name and Mailing Address (Nombre y dirección de correo)



John Q. Voter  
1234 Street  
City Name, Tx 75024

# Copy of or Original Current Utility Bill



ENERGY

123 Main Street  
Sample, Texas 77701

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Customer:

Joe B. Customer  
123 Main Street  
Austin, Texas 78701


Invoice #: 123456  
Statement Amount: \$

- It may be a copy or print out.
- To be current, the utility bill must be the most recent version or at least dated within two (2) months of the date it is presented to an election official.
- The address on the utility bill does not have to match the address on the list of registered voters. However, per §63.0011, the voter should be asked if the address on the list of registered voters is current. For example, “Do you still live on Main Street?”
- If the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.

# Copy of or Original Bank Statement



Bank of Texas  
123 Commerce  
Austin, Texas 78701



640509-040147

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Joe B. Customer  
123 Main Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

CHECKING SUMMARY

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Starting Balance | \$100.00 |
|------------------|----------|

DEPOSITS AND ADDITIONS

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Paycheck | \$1500.00 |
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- It may be a copy or print out.
- The address on the bank statement does not have to match the address on the list of registered voters. However, per §63.0011, the voter should be asked if the address on the list of registered voters is current. For example, “Do you still live on Main Street?”
- If the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.

# Copy of or Original Government Check



- May be an original check or a copy of the check.
- The address on the government check does not have to match the address on the list of registered voters. However, per §63.0011, the voter should be asked if the address on the list of registered voters is current. For example, “Do you still live on Main Street?”
- If the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.

# Copy of or Original Paycheck



- It may be a copy or original of the check.
- The address on the paycheck does not have to match the address on the list of registered voters.
- However, per §63.0011, the voter should be asked if the address on the list of registered voters is current.
- If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

- It may be a copy or original of the Certified Domestic Birth Certificate.
- It may be from another U.S. state or territory-does not have to be from Texas.
- The address on the certified domestic birth certificate does not have to match the address on the list of registered voters. However, per §63.0011, the voter should be asked if the address on the list of registered voters is current.
- If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.

**TEXAS  DEMOCRATS**

# Copy or Original of Document Confirming Birth Admissible in a Court of Law which Establishes The Voter's Identity

- May be a copy or original of the document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity.
- It may be from another country.
- The address on the document does not have to match the address on the list of registered voters. However, per §63.0011, the voter should be asked if the address on the list of registered voters is current.
- If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a "Substantially Similar Name Affidavit" must be completed by the voter.



# Exemptions/Exceptions

## **Permanent: Disability**

- Apply with the county voter registrar. Application must contain documentation from either the Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent.
- Applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo id. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption.
- Apply 30 days BEFORE election to be able to vote a regular ballot.
- If voters miss the 30 day deadline, they can vote a provisional ballot and apply at the registrar's office by November 13, 2018.



# Exemptions/Exceptions

## Temporary:

- **Religious Objection** –Voters who have a religious objection to being photographed. Voter has consistently refused to be photographed for any governmental purpose from the time the voter has held this belief.
- **Natural Disaster** - Voters who do not have any valid form of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President or the Governor, that occurred not earlier than 45 days before the date the ballot was cast, and caused the destruction of or inability to access the voter's identification.
- Vote **provisionally**, then go to the Registrar's office by November 13, 2018 to cure.

# Substantially Similar?

- Name on the identification provided must match exactly OR be substantially similar to the name on the official list of registered voters (the poll list).
- If not exact but is “substantially similar”, voter will be permitted to vote a **regular ballot** as long as voters “sign an affidavit” (initial a box on the sign in sheet) stating that voter is the same person on the list.
- If the names aren’t “substantially similar”, or the voter doesn’t have id, the voter will have to vote provisionally and then go to the registrar’s office before Nov. 13.
- Determination is made by the presiding election judge.

# Substantially Similar: Example

## Slightly Different

| OLRV or ID     | OLRV or ID     |
|----------------|----------------|
| Dorris Miller  | Doris Miller   |
| Nanci Griffith | Nancy Griffith |
| Harlen Block   | Harlon Block   |
| Charley Pride  | Charlie Pride  |
| Mark Cuban     | Marc Cuban     |
| Jamie Fox      | Jamie Foxx     |

# Substantially Similar: Example

## Customary Variation

| OLRV or ID               | OLRV or ID          |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| David Crockett           | Davy Crockett       |
| Sam Houston              | Samuel Houston      |
| James Richard Perry      | James Rick Perry    |
| William P. Clements, Jr. | Bill Clements       |
| Enrique B. Gonzales      | Henry B. Gonzales   |
| Jonathan Paul Manziel    | Johnny Paul Manziel |
| Esperanza Andrade        | Hope Andrade        |

# Substantially Similar: Example

Initial, Middle Name, Former Name

| OLRV or ID               | OLRV or ID              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Carole Keeton Rylander   | Carole Keeton Strayhorn |
| Dorothy Ann Richards     | Ann Willis Richards     |
| Sandra Day               | Sandra Day O'Connor     |
| Barbara Pierce           | Barbara Bush            |
| Laura Lane Welch         | Laura Welch Bush        |
| Lyndon Johnson           | Lyndon Baines Johnson   |
| William P. Clements, Jr. | Bill Clements           |
| Audie Murphy             | Audie L. Murphy         |

# Substantially Similar: Example

## Different Field

| OLRV or ID      | OLRV or ID             |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Beyonce Knowles | Beyonce Knowles-Carter |
| Sandra Day      | Sandra Day O'Connor    |
| Laura Welch     | Laura Welch Bush       |

# Substantially Similar: Instructions

## Totality of the Circumstances

- Use all information on ID and the List of Registered Voters to assist in the determination:
  - Address
  - Date of Birth
  - Photograph

# Voter Registration Card

- The name as listed on the **RIGHT** side of the registration card **is the way the voter's name will appear on the poll list**. This is what has to match. The Left side is irrelevant for voter id purposes.
- Voter SHOULD TAKE voter registration card to the polls
- Serves as proof of registration if not on list
  - Election workers can no longer use verbal confirmation from the voter registrar's office as proof that the voter is registered if they are not on the list at the polls.



# Voter Registration Card

| VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE<br>(Certificado de Registro Electoral)<br>TRAVIS COUNTY (Condado de Travis)  |                                     |                                       | U.S. REP.<br>21   | ST. SEN.<br>14 | ST. REP.<br>49 | COMM.<br>3    | J.P. / CN.<br>3 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| VUID (VUID)<br>[REDACTED]   | Gender (Sexo)<br>F                  | Valid from (Válido desde)<br>01/01/14 | ISD<br>AISD   | ISD SMD<br>5   | SBOE<br>05     | CITY<br>AUSFP | CITY SMD<br>5   |
| Year of Birth (Año de nacimiento)<br>1975   | Pct. No. (Número de Sección)<br>342 | Exp. (Expira)<br>12/31/2015           | Name and Mailing Address (Nombre y dirección de correo) |                |                |               |                 |
| Name (Nombre)<br>DOE, JANE SAMPLE AUSTIN  |                                     |                                       | [REDACTED]  |                |                |               |                 |
| Party Affiliation (Afiliación del Partido)<br>X   |                                     |                                       | JANE DOE  |                |                |               |                 |
| VOTER MUST PERSONALLY SIGN HERE (VOTER MUST SIGN IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, IF ABLE.)<br>(El votante debe firmar esta tarjeta personalmente al recibirla, si puede.) |                                     |                                       | [REDACTED]  |                |                |               |                 |

**THIS NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE VOTER ROLLS.** Even if it has former names jumbled in, it should NOT affect your ability to vote.

**THIS IS THE NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE VOTER ROLLS.** If it matches the name on your photo ID, you should have no problem voting.

Thanks to Senator Kirk Watson for creating this visual aid.

# Check Voter Registration

- SOS web tool at [txdem.co/AmIRegistered](https://txdem.co/AmIRegistered)
- Check By:
  - Voter Registration Number (VUID)
  - Name and Date of Birth
  - Drivers License Number – This doesn't always work correctly as sometimes a voter's drivers license number is not associated with their voter registration in the SOS database. If this method doesn't work, try one of the other two.

# Correcting ID

- Expired Texas ID – renew online or in person at [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)
- Update registration name or address:
  - **Online** ONLY if voter hasn't changed counties! – <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>
  - **Printable mail in application and name check** – <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml>
  - **Pick up application** – local libraries, post offices, and other government facilities.

# Provisional Ballots

- Voter has 6 calendar days to cure (extended until Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018 due to observation of Veterans Day)
- Last Resort – Voter Should ALWAYS QUESTION!
- When Voters Should Cast One:
  - No proper id at all
  - No id or have an id but can't come back in time
  - Name deemed not substantially similar
- When Not To Cast One:
  - No id but have an id and can come back in time

**REMEMBER: If a voter doesn't cast a ballot, it definitely won't count.**

*These scenarios only apply to voter id. There are other scenarios in which voters might have to cast a provisional ballot.*

# Provisional Ballots

If a voter is required to cast a provisional ballot, the voter will have to complete an affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope. The voter should double check the information to make sure it's correct.

|   |                                     |  |   |   |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| AW7-15-13, 5/17<br>Prescribed by Secretary of State<br>Sec. 63.011, Election Code | Type of Election / Tipo de Elección | Precinct No. where voted<br>Núm. de Precinto-lugar de votación | Precinct No. where registered (if known)<br>Núm. de Precinto-inscrito para votar (si se sabe) | Date of Election / Fecha de la Elección | Authority Conducting Election / Autoridad Administrando la Elección |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|

**Affidavit of Provisional Voter (Declaración Jurada de Votante Provisional)** (Ballot number if using DRE \_\_\_\_\_)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER:** I am a registered voter of this political subdivision and in the precinct in which I'm attempting to vote and have not already voted in this election (either in person or by mail). I am a resident of this political subdivision, have not been finally convicted of a felony or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I understand that giving false information under oath is a misdemeanor, and I understand that it is a felony of the 2nd degree to vote in an election for which I know I am not eligible.

**PARA QUE EL VOTANTE LO LLENE:** Estoy inscrito como votante en esta subdivisión política y en el precinto en cual estoy intentando a votar y aun no he votado en esta elección (en persona o por correo). Soy residente de esta subdivisión política, no he sido definitivamente declarado culpable de un delito grave o si soy el autor de un delito grave, he cumplido toda mi condena inclusive el periodo de encarcelamiento, la libertad condicional, la libertad supervisada, la libertad vigilada, o he sido indultado. No me han determinado por un juicio final de una corte de la legalización de un testamento, ser totalmente incapacitado mentalmente o parcialmente incapacitado sin el derecho de votar. Entiendo que dar información falsa bajo juramento es un delito menor y también entiendo que es un delito grave de 2º grado votar en una elección sabiendo que no cumplo con los requisitos necesarios.

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Last Name</b> (Include Suffix if any)/Apellido usual (Incluir sufijo si lo hay)  | <b>First Name</b> / Su nombre de pila   | <b>Middle Name (if any)</b> / Segundo nombre (si tiene)  | <b>Former Name</b> / Nombre anterior  |
| <b>Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number, City, State, and ZIP. If none, describe where you live (Do not include PO Box, Rural Rt. Or Business Address)</b><br>Domicilio: calle y número de apartamento, Ciudad, Estado, y Código Postal: A falta de estos datos, describa la localidad de su residencia. (No incluya el apartado de correos, camino rural, ni dirección comercial.) |   |  | <b>Gender: (Optional) / Sexo (Optativo)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Male (Hombre) <input type="checkbox"/> Female (Mujer)   |
| <b>Mailing Address: City, State, and ZIP. If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address. / Dirección postal: Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal (si es imposible entregarle correspondencia a su domicilio).</b>  |   |  | <b>Date of Birth: Month, Day, Year</b><br>Fecha de nacimiento: mes, día, año<br><input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>  |
| <b>TX Driver's License No. or Personal I.D. No. (Issued by Dept of Public Safety)</b><br>Número de su licencia de conducir de Texas o de su Cédula de Identidad expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas.   | <b>Social Security No. (last 4 digits required if you do not have a driver's license or I.D. number) / Número de Seguro Social. (Si no tiene licencia, de conducir ni identificación personal, se requiere los últimos 4 números de su seguro social)</b><br>XXX-XX- <input type="text"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I have not been issued a TX driver's license/ personal identification number or Social Security Number.</b><br>Yo no tengo una licencia de conducir de Texas/Cédula de identidad personal de Texas ni un Número de Seguro Social. |
| <b>Check appropriate box: ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?</b><br>Marque el cuadro apropiado: Soy ciudadano/a de los Estados Unidos<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Si      No <input type="checkbox"/> No  |   | <b>Signature of Voter / Firma del votante</b><br>X _____ |   |

# Provisional Ballots

## TO BE COMPLETED BY ELECTION JUDGE:

VOTER PRESENTED ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION

☐ Yes

☐ No

REASON FOR VOTING PROVISIONAL

1. \_\_ Failed to present acceptable form of identification or voter certificate with exemption.
2. \_\_ Voter not on list of registered voters.
3. \_\_ Voter not on list, registered in another precinct.
4. \_\_ Voter on list of people who voted early by mail, and voter has not cancelled mail ballot application.
5. \_\_ Voting after 7:00 p.m. due to court order.
6. \_\_ Voter on list, but registered residence address outside the \_\_ political subdivision.
7. \_\_ Other: \_\_ (Please explain)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this date: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Election Judge

The next part of the provisional ballot envelope is to be completed by the Election Judge. Make sure they fill in all the correct information or else the ballot may not be counted.



# Provisional Ballots

The ballot envelope then goes to the County Voter Registrar, where they will check the appropriate box to indicate if the ballot should be counted or not.

## **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR FOR STATUS:**

I, the voter registrar/deputy registrar, did research the records of my office and the following conclusion(s) was made:

### **FOR VOTERS WHO DID NOT PRESENT ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLING PLACE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter presented acceptable form of identification within 6 days of election day.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter met disability exemption within 6 days of election day.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter executed religious objection affidavit within 6 days of election day.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter executed natural disaster affidavit within 6 days of election day.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter did not satisfy identification or affidavit requirements, listed in categories 1-4 above, within 6 days of election day.

### **FOR VOTERS WHO VOTED PROVISIONALLY FOR OTHER REASONS**

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Not a registered voter or registration not effective in time for this election.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Registered to vote, erroneously listed in wrong precinct.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Registered to vote in a different precinct within the county.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Information on file indicating applicant completed a voter registration application, but it was never received in the voter registrar's office.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter erroneously removed from the list.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter is not registered to vote in \_\_\_\_\_ political subdivision.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please explain)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Voter Registrar

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

☐ REJECTED

Signature of Ballot Board Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

# Questions?

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