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What if I am a first-time voter?

- ★ If you registered to vote by mail, you have to vote in person the first time you vote [unless you're a permanent absentee voter]. If you bring expired photo ID to the polls or qualify for an exemption from the photo ID law, you will need to show a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or any other government document that shows your name and address.

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- ★ You cannot use college student IDs, even from public universities. You cannot use photo IDs that are not from the federal government or a state government.

What if I don't have any ID?

- ★ If you forgot to bring your ID, it's usually better to go get it. If you don't have time or an ID, you can cast a provisional ballot. For your provisional ballot to count, you have to show the right ID to the county election commission office by closing time on Thursday, November 8. Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-112.
- ★ You can get a free ID by going to the nearest Driver Service Center, showing them proof of citizenship and two proofs of TN residency and signing an affidavit stating that you do not have a valid government-issued photo ID for voting purposes.
- ★ If you are low-income and can't afford a copy of the documents required to get a free photo ID, you may still vote if you sign a form stating under oath that you are indigent and have been unable to get a photo ID for voting without paying a fee.

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