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PHOTO ID LAW

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- ★ You won't need to show a photo ID if you live and vote in a nursing home, vote by mail, are hospitalized, have a religious objection to being photographed, or are low-income and don't have enough money to pay for a photo ID (see "What if I don't have any ID?" on back).

WHAT ID CAN I SHOW TO VOTE?

Among other IDs, you can use a Tennessee driver's license, a U.S. passport, a voter ID, a photo ID issued by the Tennessee Dept. of Safety and Homeland Security, a photo ID issued by the federal government, a U.S. military ID, or a state-issued handgun carry permit with your photo, even if they are expired.

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WHAT IF I AM A FIRST-TIME VOTER?

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ARE THERE ANY PHOTO IDS THAT WILL NOT WORK?

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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 must show the right ID to the county election commission within 48 hours of the closing of the polls. 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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