



Florida History of Voter Identification Requirements

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Current Identification Requirements

- In 2016, the Florida Legislature adds 3 new categories of acceptable forms of IDs ([chapter 2016-167, Laws of Florida](#)) bringing the total number of acceptable forms of photo IDs to 12 as highlighted in green below:
 1. Florida driver's license.
 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
 3. United States passport.
 4. Debit or credit card.
 5. Military identification.
 6. Student identification.
 7. Retirement center identification.
 8. Neighborhood association identification.
 9. Public assistance identification.
 10. Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
 11. License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06, Fla. Stat.
 12. Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

Identification Requirements for 2027 and beyond

- In 2026, the Florida Legislature revised the list of acceptable forms of IDs in [101.043](#), Florida Statutes, ([ch. 2026-26, Laws of Florida](#)(eff. January 1, 2027), to the following which must be current and valid at time of presentation:
 1. Florida driver's license.
 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
 3. United States passport or passport card.
 4. United States uniformed services or Merchant Marine identification
 5. Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
 6. License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06, Fla. Stat.
 7. Any other identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality, excluding identification cards issued by an educational institution.

History

- Prior to 1977, each of the 67 county supervisors of elections determined the voter identification requirements.
- In 1977 the Florida Legislature required that every voter present an ID in order to vote. The Department of State dictated what those acceptable forms of ID could be. (We do not have a record of what that list consisted.)

- In 1997, the Florida Legislature specifically added the *voter registration identification card* to the list of acceptable forms of identification. (It is possible it was already a state-approved ID.) The other forms of IDs are still dictated and prescribed by the Department of State
- In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended ss. 98.461, and 98.471, F.S., (the precursor to the identification requirements laid out in s. 101.043, F.S.) to require **photo** ID. It also added the Florida driver's license and the Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051 to the list of acceptable photo IDs including those already approved by the Department of State. Additionally, it eliminated the voter registration identification card from the list of acceptable forms of ID. See ss. 9 and 10 of [chapter 98-129, Laws of Florida](#).
- In 2003, the Florida Legislature renumbered s. 98.471, Florida Statutes, as s. [101.043](#), Florida Statutes, and stated 12 acceptable forms of photo ID at the polls:
 1. Florida driver's license.
 2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
 3. United States passport.
 4. Employee badge or identification.
 5. Buyer's club identification.
 6. Debit or credit card.
 7. Military identification.
 8. Student identification.
 9. Retirement center identification.
 10. Neighborhood association identification.
 11. Entertainment identification.
 12. Public assistance identification.
- In 2005, the Florida Legislature eliminates the 'entertainment identification card' from the list of acceptable IDs. See s. 30, [chapter 2005-278, Laws of Florida](#). That leaves 11 acceptable forms of picture IDs.
- In 2007, the Florida Legislature eliminates the employee badge/ID and buyer's club ID from the list of acceptable IDs. See s.26, [chapter 2007-30, Laws of Florida](#), which left 9 acceptable forms of picture IDs.

If the photo ID does not contain the voter's signature, the voter can provide another ID that includes the voter's signature. See s. [101.043](#), Florida Statutes. The signature ID does not have to be one of the photo IDs.

In Florida, if someone does not bring one of the acceptable forms of photo IDs to the polls, he or she can still vote a provisional ballot. In those cases, the voter will not have to bring in further proof/evidence in order for his or her ballot to count. If the voter is determined to be registered and eligible, not to have voted elsewhere or previously, and to have voted in his or her proper precinct, the provisional ballot must be counted. See s. [101.048](#), Florida Statutes; [R1S-2.037](#), Florida Administrative Code