

What NH Voters Need to Know About the Photo ID Law for 2012

Every New Hampshire citizen who is 18 years old or older has the Constitutional right to vote. The right to vote is not changed by the Photo ID Law. The Photo ID Law has no impact on registering to vote. The right to register to vote on the day of the election is not changed.

Below are the changes to expect when registered voters check in with the Ballot Clerks on Election Day.

September 11, 2012 State Primary

- Voters will **NOT** be required to show a valid photo ID to the Ballot Clerks in order to get a ballot.
 - Ballot Clerks will **REQUEST** a valid photo ID and offer a handout explaining the future requirements of the photo ID law to any voter who doesn't show one.
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November 6, 2012 General and Presidential Election

- Voters will have **two options** to get a ballot at the polls:
 1. Show a valid photo ID to the Ballot Clerks
 - OR
 2. Sign an affidavit

Valid photo IDs for November 6, 2012 include:

- A driver's license from New Hampshire or any other state regardless of expiration date
 - A non-driver's photo ID issued by New Hampshire
 - A United States armed services identification card
 - A United States passport regardless of expiration date
 - Any other valid photo ID from federal, state, county, or municipal government
 - A valid student identification card
 - A photo ID deemed acceptable by the Moderator, Supervisor of the Checklist or Town Clerk
 - Verification of a person's identity by the Moderator, Supervisor of the Checklist or Town Clerk
 - Any voter who uses an affidavit to get a ballot on November 6, 2012, will receive a letter from the Secretary of State after the election requesting the voter to confirm that he or she voted. There is no penalty for voters who do not respond to the letter. The letter will also contain instructions about how to obtain a free state-issued voter photo ID.
 - Any voter who doesn't respond to the Secretary of State's letter within 90 days will be contacted by the Attorney General's office and requested to confirm whether he or she voted. There is no penalty for voters who do not respond to a letter from the Attorney General.
 - Voting by absentee ballot does not require a voter ID
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Secretary of State www.sos.nh.gov/Elections

Note: There may be significant changes for voters in 2013 which the LWVNH will publicize then.