



## The New Pennsylvania Voter ID Law

Beginning on November 6, 2012, all voters must present photo ID to vote.

## Know What's Required Before You Get To the Polls

### What IDs Will Be Accepted?

- A **U.S. Passport** (or any ID issued by the United States government)
- A **PA driver's license** or a PA photo ID (or any ID issued by the Commonwealth of PA)
  - *NOTE:* an ID issued by the Department of Transportation must not be more than 12 months past the expiration date
- An ID issued to **municipal employees** by a PA city, county, borough, or town
- An **in-state college student ID** card. The student ID card must show an expiration date.
- An ID issued by a **PA care facility**, such as a nursing home, assisted-living home, or personal-care home
- An ID issued to a veteran or current member of the **U.S. Armed Forces** branches or their reserves
  - *NOTE:* the indicated expiration date can be indefinite

### Can I Still Vote By Absentee Ballot?

If you are registered to vote but will be absent from your municipality on Election Day due to business, or cannot go to the polling place due to a physical disability or illness, you may apply for an absentee ballot. Voters casting absentee ballots may provide their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number if they do not have a driver's license.

### What If I Do Not Have an Acceptable ID?

In most cases, if you have an expired PA driver's license or a non-driver photo ID, you can simply give your name at a PennDOT driver license center and receive a non-driver photo ID for voting purposes once you are verified in the system. (IDs that expired before 1990 may not be in the system, but PennDOT representatives can assist you).

If you do not have an acceptable ID to vote, you can apply for a free PennDOT Photo ID Card by submitting form DL-54A and signing an Oath/Affirmation declaring that you do not have an acceptable form of ID in order to vote. You will need to provide:

- Social Security Card, **and**
- Two proofs of residency (*e.g.*, lease agreement, mortgage documents, W-2 form, tax records, or current utility bills); **and**
- At least one of the following: (a) Official Birth Certificate (with a raised seal) from the U.S. or Puerto Rico, (b) certificate of U.S. Citizenship, (c) Certificate of Naturalization, or (d) a valid U.S. Passport.

*NOTE:* If your name has changed, for example, due to marriage or divorce, we recommend bringing a marriage certificate or a divorce decree to verify the change.

### Can I Vote Without An Acceptable ID?

You may cast a provisional ballot on Election Day and, **within six calendar days**, must submit a valid photo ID to county elections officials in person, by email, or by fax. **However, if you do not submit valid photo ID within that time, your vote will not be counted.**

### Help is Available

If you do not speak English well, you can bring your own interpreter on Election Day to help you understand materials and to vote.

If you or someone you know has difficulty obtaining the documents in order to vote, please contact:

Democracy Project  
Asian American Legal Defense Fund  
212-966-5932  
[votingrights@aaldef.org](mailto:votingrights@aaldef.org)

*or*

Community Outreach Committee  
APABA-PA  
484-533-7192  
[apabapaco@gmail.com](mailto:apabapaco@gmail.com)

*The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, is a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.*

*The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (APABA-PA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1984 to serve a wide network of Asian Pacific American attorneys admitted or practicing in Pennsylvania, Northern Delaware and Southern New Jersey. APABA-PA also educates its members about issues critical to Asian Pacific Americans and is dedicated to advancing the interests of Asian Pacific American attorneys and the local Asian American community.*