



## Mississippi's Voter ID Law

You must show photo ID to vote in-person in Mississippi. If you don't have the right kind of ID, you can get one for FREE. Keep reading for more info.

### What kind of ID can I show?

- a Mississippi driver's license;
- an ID card with your photo issued by the State of Mississippi;
- a U.S. passport;
- a U.S. military ID with your photo
- a government employee ID card with your photo;
- a Mississippi firearms license with your photo;
- a student ID with your photo from a Mississippi college or university;
- a tribal photo ID;
- a photo ID issued by any branch, department, or agency of the U.S. government or the government of any other state;

#### **OR**

- a Mississippi Voter Identification Card (available for FREE).
- Your ID **CAN BE EXPIRED** as long as it is no more than ten years old.<sup>i</sup>

### What if I don't have any ID?

- If you are registered to vote, you can get a **FREE** ID for voting, called a Voter Identification Card. You can only get a Voter Identification Card if you do not have another accepted photo ID.<sup>ii</sup>

### How do I get a free ID for voting?

- Apply for a Voter Identification card at your circuit clerk's office. You can go between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, anytime before Election Day. You can even go on Election Day, but make sure you leave yourself enough time to get to the polls.<sup>iii</sup>

- You must prove your identity before you get your Voter Identification Card. If you can, bring ONE of these:<sup>iv</sup>
  - an expired photo ID from the list on the front of this card;
  - a birth certificate or other document with your full legal name, date, and place of birth;
  - a social security card;
  - a Medicare or Medicaid card;
  - a Mississippi voter registration card without your photo;
  - a utility bill, bank statement, or government check with your name and current address issued in the last six months; OR
  - an IRS Form W-2.
- If you do not have any of these IDs, don't worry. Tell the clerk your full legal name, date of birth, state of birth, gender at birth, and mother's maiden name. The clerk will verify your identity.<sup>v</sup>
- Once your application is approved, your card will be mailed to you. If you apply after the deadline, the clerk will give you a receipt. You can show the receipt instead of photo ID to vote at the polls.<sup>vi</sup>

## Do I have to show ID if I vote by mail?

- No. If you vote absentee by mail, you do NOT need photo ID.

## MORE INFORMATION

- *If you need information about the rules for voting*, contact the Secretary of State's office at (800) 829-6786 or <http://msvoterid.ms.gov>. You can also call the Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).
- *If you feel your right to vote has been denied*, contact the ACLU of Mississippi at [office@aclu-ms.org](mailto:office@aclu-ms.org) or (601) 354-3408.

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<sup>i</sup> <http://msvoterid.ms.gov/Pages/Forms/expired%20form.pdf>.

<sup>ii</sup> Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-7; Miss. Sec of State "How Can I Get a Mississippi Voter Card?" available at <http://msvoterid.ms.gov/Pages/VoterIDHowtoGetID.htm>.

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