

ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID GUIDE 2026

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ALABAMA LAW REQUIRES

Act 2011-673 requires an Alabama voter to have a specific type of photo identification at the polls in order to vote. If a voter does not have one of the approved forms of photo ID as stated in the law, then he or she may receive a free Alabama photo voter ID card from various locations.

Act 2019-507 requires an Alabama voter to include a copy of his or her photo identification with an application for an absentee ballot. If an absentee election manager receives an absentee ballot application on or after the eighth day prior to an election, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional absentee ballot. If a voter receives a provisional absentee ballot, they must either include a copy of photo identification with the absentee ballot or present a valid photo ID to the Board of Registrars no later than 5 P.M. on the Friday following the election.

CHANGES IN THE LAW

During the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature approved Senate Bill 158. Governor Kay Ivey signed the bill, and it was subsequently assigned Act Number 2025-307.

Beginning on June 1, 2025, Act 2025-307 states foreign national driver licenses will not be used as photo identification for voting purposes.



This guide will explain the photo identification process and let voters know how to be prepared for all elections. For more information, you may contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State at 800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The Secretary of State's Office was tasked with writing administrative rules to direct the process of receiving free photo IDs. Those administrative rules can be viewed on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.alabama.gov or www.alabamavotes.gov. The Secretary of State was also tasked with selecting a vendor for processing the cards. Police and Sheriff's Press, Inc. was chosen as the vendor. The Secretary of State's Office set up training and provided equipment for the process in all 67 counties in the State of Alabama.

WHAT FORMS OF ID ARE VALID AT THE POLLS?

A voter can use any of the following forms of photo ID at the polls:

- ▶ Valid Alabama Driver's License (not expired or has been expired less than 60 Days)
 - Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Driver's License
- ▶ Valid Alabama Non-driver ID (not expired or has been expired less than 60 Days)
 - Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Non-driver ID
- ▶ Valid Alabama Photo Voter ID Card
- ▶ Valid State-Issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
 - Examples
 - » Valid Pistol Permit (Photo Required)
 - » Valid AL Movement/Booking Sheet from Prison/Jail System (Photo Required)
 - » Valid AL Department of Corrections Release - Temporary ID (Photo Required)
- ▶ Valid Federal-Issued ID
- ▶ Valid US Passport
- ▶ Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County, Municipality, Board, or other entity of this state
- ▶ Valid student or employee ID from a public or private college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
- ▶ Valid student or employee ID issued by a state institution of higher learning in any other state
- ▶ Valid Military ID
- ▶ Valid Tribal ID



If a voter possesses any of these forms of ID, they are not eligible to receive a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card. The voter must bring one of these photo IDs to the polls on Election Day or place a copy of the ID in absentee ballot materials.

A voter who is required to present valid photo identification but does not do so will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot as provided by law. The voter casting a provisional ballot will have until 5 P.M. on the Friday after the election to submit valid photo ID. Otherwise, the ballot will not be counted.

In addition, a voter who does not have a valid photo ID in their possession at the polls shall be permitted to vote a regular ballot if the individual is positively identified by two election officials as a voter on the poll list who is eligible to vote and the election officials sign a sworn affidavit.

What if I do not have any of these forms of ID?

If a voter does not have one of the valid forms of photo ID, then they may obtain a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card or a free non-driver ID for purposes of voting.



FREE Non-driver ID

As another option, a voter who does not have any of the acceptable forms of photo ID may obtain a free non-driver ID for the purpose of voting.

Voters will have to fill out a form with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and sign a form attesting that they do not have one of the valid forms of photo ID.

A voter must comply with all rules set forth by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and adhere to those requirements in order to receive the free non-driver ID.

For more information about the Free Non-driver ID, please visit www.alea.gov.



WHERE CAN I GET MY FREE Alabama Photo Voter ID CARD?

A voter may obtain a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card at the following locations:

► **Secretary of State's Office**

600 Dexter Avenue
Suite E-204
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

► **Boards of Registrars Offices**

Located in each county. Please see pages 15-17 in this guide for addresses and phone numbers of the various county locations.

► **At a Mobile Location to be Determined by the Secretary of State's Office**

To see a list of scheduled mobile locations in your area, visit alabamavoterid.com. Mobile locations may be requested at alabamavotes.gov.

► **By Requesting a Mobile Voter ID Home Visit**

You may apply for a home visit at alabamavotes.gov. Home visits are conducted under limited circumstances.

Please note that applicants are instructed not to complete the application for a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card if they already possess one of the valid forms of photo identification. Any falsification or fraud in completing the application shall constitute a Class C felony.



WHAT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN MY FREE Alabama Photo Voter ID CARD?

To receive a free Alabama Photo Voter ID, card a voter must show:

- A photo identity document, except that a non-photo identity document is acceptable if the document includes both the person's full legal name and date of birth.
- Documentation showing the voter's date of birth (can be verified by information in the statewide voter file);
- Documentation showing the person is a registered voter (can be verified by voter registration information);* and
- Documentation showing the voter's name and address as reflected in the voter registration record (can be verified by voter registration information).*

***THE PROCESSING AGENTS WILL VERIFY THE DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO RECEIVE THE FREE Alabama Photo Voter ID CARD BY CHECKING THE VOTER’S RECORD IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.**

What if I’m not registered to vote?

You must be a registered voter in order to obtain a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card or free non-driver ID.

- ▶ The Registrar or the mobile unit worker will check the voter registration status when the voter submits the application.
- ▶ If you are in the Board of Registrars office, you may simultaneously register to vote and apply for a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card if there is no issue with your registration.
- ▶ If a voter is applying for a free non-driver ID card, the voter will sign the application stating they are an Alabama elector.

Examples of photo ID documents that can be used to obtain a free Alabama Photo Voter ID CARD but CANNOT be used at the polls:

- ▶ A student ID issued by a public or private high school.
- ▶ A student or employee ID card issued by a private university or postgraduate technical or professional school located **OUTSIDE** the State of Alabama.
- ▶ An employee ID card **NOT** issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the US government, the State of Alabama, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or entity of the State of Alabama.
- ▶ Hospital/Nursing home ID card.
- ▶ Wholesale club or other membership card.

Examples of Non-Photo ID Documents that can be used to obtain a free Alabama Photo Voter ID CARD

ALL MUST CONTAIN FULL LEGAL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH

- ▶ Birth Certificate[†]
- ▶ Hospital or nursing home record
- ▶ Marriage Record[†]
- ▶ State or Federal Census Record
- ▶ Military Record
- ▶ Medicare or Medicaid document
- ▶ Social Security Administration document
- ▶ Certificate of Citizenship
- ▶ Official school record or transcript

[†]The Secretary of State's Office has entered an agreement with the Alabama Department of Public Health whereby a free birth or marriage certificate will be provided to the processing or issuing agent when a voter needs one of these documents in order to obtain a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card. This certificate is for voting purposes only, is provided electronically, and cannot be used for any other purpose. For more information, please call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-274-8683.

AFTER COMPLETING THE APPLICATION AND SHOWING DOCUMENTATION, WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

- ▶ The voter's information will be entered into the Alabama Photo Voter ID card issuance system and their photo will be taken.
- ▶ The person processing the application for the free Alabama Photo Voter ID card will give the voter a receipt, much like a temporary driver's license, which can be used to vote up to 45 days after receipt.
- ▶ Voters should receive their free Alabama Photo Voter ID card within 14 days of processing, unless otherwise stated.

IS MY FREE Alabama Photo Voter ID CARD SECURE?

The vendor selected to produce the IDs has set many security measures within both the ID card itself and the receipt. It would be extremely difficult for someone to fake an Alabama Photo Voter ID

card.

County-level poll workers will be trained in these security measures and will know what to look for on Election Day.

WHAT ABOUT VOTERS WHOSE POLLING PLACE IS INACCESSIBLE DUE TO AGE OR DISABILITY?



The Secretary of State's Office has addressed voters who are elderly or who have a disability with an exception to the absentee ballot ID requirement when the voter's polling place is not accessible. ✦

A voter who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act or any other federal law **shall not be required to produce identification when voting by absentee ballot.**



Voters who fall within this category will be able to check a box on their absentee ballot application, which states that their polling place is not accessible and that they fall under the definition of elderly (age 65 or older) or handicapped. The Absentee Election Manager will not require an ID in order for these ballots to be counted.

✦ Definition of "accessible" as it relates to voters who are elderly or who have a disability:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (subchapter 1-F of Chapter 20 of Title 42 U.S.C), the Secretary of State has determined that the term "accessible" as applied to handicapped and elderly voters shall mean that the location of the polling place is physically accessible to handicapped and elderly voters.

If a handicapped or elderly voter is unable to access their assigned polling place due to a neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory, cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects the ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear, or speak, that voter's polling place is not



“accessible” to them.

WHAT ABOUT VOTERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY OR WHO RESIDE OVERSEAS?

An individual eligible to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) is not required to provide ID prior to voting.

The term “UOCAVA voter” includes anyone who is a member of the Uniformed Services (including their spouse and dependents), Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It also includes anyone who is a U.S. citizen residing overseas whose last place of residency prior to moving overseas was in Alabama.

HOW DO I REQUEST A MOBILE PHOTO VOTER ID VISIT?

Groups and individuals may find more information and request the mobile photo voter ID units by visiting our site, alabamavotes.gov, and completing the online form. You may also contact the Elections Division by phone at 1-800-274-8683. Home visits are conducted under limited circumstances.

ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS
FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD ISSUING OFFICES

Autauga County

218 N. Court St.
 Prattville 36067-3041
 (334) 358-6740

Baldwin County

312 Courthouse Square
 Bay Minette 36507
 (251) 937-0229

1100 Fairhope Ave
 Fairhope 36532
 (251) 990-4614

201 E Section Street
 Foley 36535
 (251) 972-6877

Barbour County

1 Court Square
 Clayton 36016
 (334) 775-8579

405 E Broad St Rm A-165
 Eufaula 36027
 (334) 687-1585

Bibb County

8 Court Square W
 Centreville 35042
 (205) 926-3102

Blount County

220 Second Ave E Rm B-5
 Oneonta 35121
 (205) 973-0536

Bullock County

217 Prairie St N Rm 101
 Union Springs 36089-1659
 (334) 738-5372

Butler County

201 S Conecuh St
 Greenville 36037
 (334) 382-5685
 (334) 382-6829

Calhoun County

1702 Noble St Ste 113
 Anniston 36201-3889
 (256) 241-2930

Chambers County

2 S Lafayette St Ste B
 LaFayette 36862
 (334) 864-4313

610 S Gilmer Ave
 Lanett 36863
 (334) 644-7781

Cherokee County

260 Cedar Bluff Rd Ste 106
 Centre 35960-1403
 (256) 927-5336

Chilton County

500 2nd Ave N Rm 119
 Clanton 35045
 (205) 755-3820

Choctaw County

117 S Mulberry Ave Ste 1
 Butler 36904-2557
 (205) 459-2531

Clarke County

114 Court St
 Grove Hill 36451
 (251) 275-3062

Clay County

25 Court Square
 Ashland 36251
 (256) 354-7815

Cleburne County

120 Vickery St Rm 103
 Heflin 36264-1166
 (256) 463-5299

Coffee County

1065 E McKinnon Street
 #6 County Complex
 New Brockton 36351-9791
 (334) 894-5347

Colbert County

201 N Main St
 Tuscumbia 35674-2095
 (256) 386-8535

Conecuh County

111 Court Street Rm 102
 Evergreen 36401
 (251) 578-7024

Coosa County

9709 US Hwy 231
 Rockford 35136
 (256) 377-2418

Covington County

228 Hillcrest Dr
 Andalusia 36420-2570
 (334) 428-2685

Crenshaw County

29 S Glenwood Ave
 Luverne 36049
 (334) 335-6568 ext. 252

Cullman County

500 2nd Ave SW Ste 112
 Cullman 35055-4135
 (256) 775-4697

Dale County

100 Court Square
 Ozark 36360
 (334) 774-9038

Dallas County

105 Lauderdale St Rm 122
 Selma 36701
 (334) 874-2534

ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS
FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD ISSUING OFFICES

DeKalb County

111 Grand Ave SW Ste 105
 Fort Payne 35967
 (256) 845-8598

Henry County

101 Court Square Ste K
 Abbeville 36310-2135
 (334) 585-6080

Limestone County

100 Clinton St S Ste E
 Athens 35611-2665
 (256) 233-6405

Elmore County

100 E Commerce St Rm 100
 Wetumpka 36092-2746
 (334) 567-1150

Houston County

462 N Oates St
 Dothan 36303
 (334) 677-4776

Lowndes County

205 Tuskeena St E Rm 101
 Hayneville 36040
 (334) 548-2389

Escambia County

314 Belleville Ave Rm 204
 Brewton 36426
 (251) 867-0243

Jackson County

102 E Laurel St
 Scottsboro 35768
 (256) 574-9339

Macon County

210 N. Elm Street
 Tuskegee 36083-1735
 (334) 724-2617

Etowah County

800 Forrest Ave Ste 206
 Gadsden 35901-3651
 (256) 549-5384

Jefferson County

716 R Arrington Jr Blvd N
 Ste A-410
 Birmingham 35203-0115
 (205) 325-5550

Madison County

1918 Memorial Parkway NW
 Huntsville 35801
 (256) 532-3510

Fayette County

103 First Ave NW Ste 4
 Fayette 35555-2627
 (205) 932-5432

Lamar County

44690 Hwy 17
 Vernon 35592
 (205) 695-6348

Marengo County

101 E Coats Ave
 Linden 36748
 (334) 295-2249

Franklin County

410 Jackson Ave North
 Russellville 35653
 (256) 332-8849

Lauderdale County

200 South Court Street
 Florence 35630
 (256) 760-5840

Marion County

132 Military St South Ste 175
 Hamilton 35570
 (205) 921-3625

Geneva County

200 N Commerce St
 Geneva 36340
 (334) 684-5655

Lawrence County

14451 Market St Ste 340
 Moulton 35650
 (256) 974-2460

Marshall County

424 Blount Ave Ste 106A
 Guntersville 35976-1122
 (256) 571-7740

Greene County

110 Main Street
 Eutaw 35443
 (205) 372-9669

Lee County

205 S 10th St
 Opelika 36801
 (334) 737-3635

Mobile County

151 Government St Ste 165
 Mobile 36602
 (251) 574-8586

Hale County

905D Centerville St
 Greensboro 36744-1536
 (334) 624-5628

Monroe County

65 N Alabama Ave
 Monroeville 36460
 (251) 743-4107 x141

ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS
FREE ALABAMA PHOTO VOTER ID CARD ISSUING OFFICES

Montgomery County

125 Washington Ave
Montgomery 36104
(334) 832-1215

St. Clair County

1815 Cogswell Ave Ste B-10
Pell City 35125
(205) 338-3954

Winston County

11 Blake Dr Rm 3
Double Springs 35553
(205) 489-3966

Morgan County

302 Lee St NE
Decatur 35601
(256) 351-4660
(256) 351-4663

Sumter County

311 S Washington St
Livingston 35470
(205) 652-7902

Perry County

300 Washington St Ste 102
Marion 36756
(334) 683-2218 x5

Talladega County

400 N Norton Ave
Sylacauga 35150-2010
(256) 249-1007

Pickens County

155 Reform St Suite 303
Carrollton 35447
(205) 367-2071

Tallapoosa County

1 Courthouse Square
Talladega 35160
(256) 761-2131
(256) 761-213

Pike County

120 W Church St Rm B2
Troy 36081-1913
(334) 566-1757

Tallapoosa County

125 N Broadnax St Rm 20
Dadeville 36853-1371
(256) 825-1081

Randolph County

14 Broad Street SE Ste 3
Wedowee 36278
(256) 357-2138

Tuscaloosa County

2501 7th St Ste 200
Tuscaloosa 35401-1801
(205) 464-8415

Russell County

1000 Broad St
Phenix City 36867
(334) 298-1443

Walker County

1803 3rd Ave Ste 109A
Jasper 35501
(205) 384-7279

Shelby County

202 W College St Ste 100
Columbiana 35051
(205) 669-3913

Washington County

45 Court St
Chatom 36558
(251) 847-3255

Wilcox County

219 Claiborne Street
Camden 36726
(334) 682-9753

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