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Dear Voters of Alabama:

As citizens of Alabama, voting is one of our most fundamental rights. By exercising your right to vote, you have the amazing opportunity to voice your personal opinion and participate in the selection of our newest elected officials.

Beginning with the 2014 Primary Election, the State Legislature mandated that a voter present a photo ID prior to voting. If a voter does not have a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, nondriver ID card, or any other valid photo ID as listed on page 7 of this guide, the voter may receive one free of charge from his or her county Board of Registrars Office or the Secretary of State's Office.

During the months of May to October of 2018, mobile units visited each of the 67 counties at least once to provide eligible voters convenient locations to apply for and obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card. The Office of the Secretary of State will again visit each of the 67 counties during the period of May to October of 2019. To view a list of all mobile unit scheduled events or to request a mobile unit, please visit www.alabamavoterid.com.

A voter who is required to present a valid photo ID but who does not do so will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot as provided for by law (see page 8 for details).

In addition, a voter who does not have a valid photo ID in his or her possession at the polls will be permitted to vote a regular ballot if the individual is positively identified by two election officials as an eligible voter in their precinct.

This booklet is an educational tool to inform voters about the voter identification requirements and seeks to prevent any confusion that may be experienced on Election Day. Please review the standards, and if you have any questions, you may call our Elections Division at 1-800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210 or visit www.alabamavoterid.com.

May God bless you and the great State of Alabama!

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Secretary of State

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This document is not a substitute for the ***Code of Alabama, 1975***. It is provided as a guide and is not intended to be an authoritative statement of law. For further legal information, please consult the Code of Alabama, other appropriate legal resources, or your attorney.

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CHANGE IN LAW

During the 2011 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature approved House Bill 19. Governor Robert Bentley signed the bill, and it was subsequently assigned Act Number 2011-673.

Beginning with the June 3, 2014 Primary Election, 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.

This guide will explain that 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 to begin 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 Nondriver ID (not expired or has been expired less than 60 Days)
  - Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Nondriver 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, he/she is 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 who 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 5:00 PM on the Friday after the election to submit valid photo identification. Otherwise, the ballot will not be counted.

In addition, a voter who does not have a valid photo ID in his or her 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 so stating.

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 that voter may obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card or a free nondriver ID for purposes of voting.

FREE NONDRIVER ID

As another option, a voter who does not have any of the acceptable forms of photo ID may obtain a free nondriver ID for purposes 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 nondriver ID.

For more information about the Free Nondriver 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
  *Only if an active registered voter
- **Boards of Registrars Offices**
  Located in each county. Please see pages 14-16 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 alabamavoterid.com.
- **By requesting a mobile voter ID home visit**
  You may apply for a home visit at alabamavoterid.com. 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 ID document, except a non-photo identity document can be used if it contains your 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);*
- 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 nondriver 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 nondriver ID card, the voter will sign the application stating he or she is 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)ffice 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 his or her photo 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 for 45 days after receipt.
- Voters should receive their free Alabama photo voter ID card within 14 days of processing.

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 will 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 his or her 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 him or her.

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 his or her 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 unit events by visiting alabamavoterid.com and completing the respective form. You may also contact the Elections Division by phone at 1-800-274-8683 and request the mobile unit. 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
119 West 2nd St
Bay Minette 36507
(251) 937-0305

1100 Fairhope Ave
Fairhope 36532
(251) 928-3002 ext 2617

201 E Section Street
Foley 36535
(251) 943-5061 ext 2859

Barbour County
113 Court Square
Clayton 36016
(334) 775-8579

303 E Broad St Ste. 108
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) 625-4182

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

Butler County
700 Court Sq Rm 8
Greenville 36037-2308
(334) 382-5685
(334) 382-6829

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

Chambers County
18 Alabama Ave E Rm 101
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 36904-0132
(205) 459-2531

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

Clay County
25 Court Square, 1st Floor
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) 775-4750

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

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

Escambia County
314 Belleville Ave Rm 204
Brewton 36426
(251) 867-0243
(251) 867-0312

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

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

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

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

Greene County
100 Main Street
Eutaw 35443
(205) 372-9669

Hale County
905D Centerville St
Greensboro 36744-1536
(334) 624-4672

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

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

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

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

Lamar County
44690 Hwy 17
Vernon 35592
(205) 695-6348
(205) 695-9197

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

Lawrence County
14451 Market Street Ste 340
Moulton 35650
(256) 974-2460

Lee County
215 S 9th St
Opelika 36801
(334) 737-3635

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

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

Macon County
101 Rosa Parks Ave Ste 100
Tuskegee 36083-1735
(334) 724-2617

Madison County
819 Cook Ave NW, Ste 150
Huntsville 35801-5983
(256) 532-3510

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

Marion County
132 Military Street South
Ste 175
Hamilton 35570
(205) 921-3625

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

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

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
100 S Lawrence St
Montgomery 36104
(334) 832-1215

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

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

Pickens County
155 Reform Street, Suite 303
Carrollton 35447
(205) 367-2074

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

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

Russell County
1000 Broad St
Phenix City 36867
(334) 298-1443
(334) 448-1508

Shelby County
108 W College Street
Ste 100
Columbiana 35051
(205) 669-3913

St. Clair County
1815 Cogswell Ave Ste B-10
Pell City 35125
(205) 338-3954

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

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

1 Courthouse Square
Talladega 35160
(256) 761-2131

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

Tuscaloosa County
2501 7th St Ste 200
Tuscaloosa 35401-1801
(205) 464-8419
(205) 349-3870 ext 415

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

Washington County
45 Court St
Chatom 36518
(251) 847-3255

Wilcox County
219 Claiborne Street
Camden 36726
(334) 682-9753

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