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Voter ID Requirements for In-Person Voting

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Background

In a majority of states, voters show some form of identification when casting their ballot in-person. States that do not require some form of ID typically ask for a signature or other identifying information to confirm the voter's eligibility. Our scoring gives negative points to states that have unnecessarily strict identification requirements or procedures in place that create barriers for eligible voters who may not be able to obtain a specific form of required ID. These overly strict procedures usually require very limited forms of ID and/or burdensome additional steps to be taken by the voter after Election Day to ensure their vote is counted. These laws do not apply to mail/absentee voting, or first-time voters who did not provide ID when registering to vote by mail. For more information please [contact](#) your local election official

Scoring

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means, 1 point
- Non-strict, non-photo ID (ID requested, but voter can cast regular ballot without), 1 point.
- Non-strict, photo ID (ID requested, but voter can cast regular ballot without), ½ point
- Strict, non-photo ID (ID required, voter cannot cast regular ballot without), -1/2 point
- Strict photo ID (ID required, voter cannot cast regular ballot without), -1 point



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Summary Table

Category	Number	List
No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means	14 states & D.C.	California D.C. Hawaii Illinois Maine Maryland Massachusetts Minnesota Nevada New Jersey New Mexico New York Oregon Pennsylvania Vermont
Non-strict, non-photo ID	7 states	Alaska Colorado Connecticut Delaware Virginia Washington West Virginia
Non-strict, photo ID	14 states	Florida Idaho Kentucky Louisiana Michigan Montana Nebraska New Hampshire North Carolina Oklahoma Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Texas



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Strict, non-photo ID	4 states	Arizona Iowa North Dakota Utah
Strict photo ID	11 states	Alabama Arkansas Georgia Indiana Kansas Mississippi Missouri Ohio Tennessee Wisconsin Wyoming

State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Ala. Code § 17-9-30](#)).
- Note: MAP categorizes Alabama as a strict photo ID state despite narrow exceptions that may allow some voters to cast a ballot without required ID.

Alaska (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([Alaska Stat. § 15.15.225](#)).

Arizona (-1/2)

- Strict, non-photo ID ([Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-579](#)).

Arkansas (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51](#), § 13; [Arkansas Code § 7-1-101](#) et seq.).

California (1)

- No document required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voters must state their name and address to poll worker ([Cal. Elec. Code §14216](#)).

Colorado (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-7-110, 1-1-104](#)).



Connecticut (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-261](#)).

Delaware (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([Del. Code tit. 15, § 4937](#)).

D.C. (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voters must state their name and sign the poll book ([D.C. Mun. Regs. § 3-700](#)).

Florida (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Fla. Stat. § 101.043](#)).

Georgia (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Ga. Code Ann. § 21-2-417](#)).

Hawaii (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. No additional steps to cast a ballot if voter does not have requested ID ([Haw. Rev. Stat. § 11-136](#)).

Idaho (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Idaho Code §§ 34-1113, 34-1114](#)).

Illinois (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voters must state their name and may be requested to sign an affidavit of eligibility ([10 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/17-9](#)).

Indiana (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Ind. Code §§ 3-5-2-40.5, 3-10-1-7.2, 3-11-8-25.1](#)).

Iowa (-1/2)

- Strict, non-photo ID ([Iowa Code §§ 49.78, 48A.7A, 48A.10A, 49.81](#)).

Kansas (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Kan. Stat. Ann. § 25-2908](#)).

Kentucky (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 117.375, 117.227](#)).

Louisiana (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([La. Stat. Ann. § 18:562](#)).



Maine (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must state their name and may be requested to state their address ([Me. Stat. tit. 21-A, §671](#)).

Maryland (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must state their date of birth and may be required to state their address ([Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 10-310](#)).

Massachusetts (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must their name and address if requested ([Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 54, § 76](#)).

Michigan (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Mich. Comp. Laws § 168.523](#)).

Minnesota (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must sign the polling place roster and state their personal information if requested ([Minn. Stat. § 204C.10](#)).

Mississippi (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-563](#)).

Missouri (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.427](#)).

Montana (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Mont. Code Ann. § 13-13-114](#)).

Nebraska (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID. Voter can execute reasonable impediment statement under a range of exceptions if lacking ID ([Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-913](#)).

Nevada (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must provide their name and an affirmation ([Nev. Rev. Stat. § 293.277](#)).

New Hampshire (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 659:1, 659:2](#)).



New Jersey (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must sign the poll book ([N.J. Stat. Ann. § 19:15-17](#)).

New Mexico (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must confirm personal information ([N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 1-1-24, 1-12-7.1, 1-12-10, and 1-12-4.1](#)).

New York (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must sign the poll book ([N.Y. Elec. Law § 8-304](#)).

North Carolina (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID. Voter can execute a reasonable impediment statement under a range of exceptions if they do not have ID. ([N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-166.16](#)).

North Dakota (-1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-01](#)).

Ohio (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3503.19](#)).

Oklahoma (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-114](#)).

Oregon (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means ([Or. Rev. Stat. § 254.470](#)).

Pennsylvania (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voters must sign an affidavit and provide their address ([Penn. Elect. Code §1.3.1210](#)).

Rhode Island (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([17 R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-19-24.2](#)).

South Carolina (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([S.C. Code Ann. § 7-13-710](#)).



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South Dakota (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([S.D. Codified Laws § 12-18-6.1](#)).

Tennessee (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-112](#)).

Texas (1/2)

- Non-strict, photo ID ([Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 63.001, 63.0101](#)).

Utah (-1/2)

- Strict, non-photo ID ([Utah Code Ann. § 20A-1-102](#)).

Vermont (1)

- No ID required, but voter eligibility is verified through other means. Voter must state their name and address if requested ([Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 17, § 2563](#)).

Virginia (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-643](#)).

Washington (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.40.160](#)).

West Virginia (1)

- Non-strict, non-photo ID ([W. Va. Code § 3-1-34](#)).

Wisconsin (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Wis. Stat. § 6.79](#)).

Wyoming (-1)

- Strict photo ID ([Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 22-1-102](#)).
- Note: MAP categorizes this state as a strict photo ID state despite a narrow exception which allows some voters to use Medicare cards as acceptable ID

Democracy Map & Additional Resources

- See our Democracy Map, [Voter ID Requirements](#), which is updated in real time
- See MAP's report, [The ID Divide: How Barriers to ID Impact Different Communities and Affect Everyone](#)