

## Voter ID Law

- Starting in 2012, registered voters in Tennessee will have to show government-issued photo identification in order to cast a ballot at the polls.
- Acceptable forms of ID include:
  - Tennessee driver license with a photo
  - U.S. passport
  - Photo ID from the federal government
  - U.S. military ID
  - Gun permit card with a photo
- The new law requiring a government-issued photo ID to vote applies only to those voting at polling places. It does not apply to those casting absentee ballots under state law, including those age 65 or older who wish to vote absentee or those voting at licensed nursing homes.

## For Citizens Without Government-Issued Photo IDs

- If you are a registered voter and do not have a government-issued photo ID, the Department of Safety and Homeland Security will provide you with a photo ID at no charge. Citizens may obtain these IDs at any of the Department's 49 Driver Service Centers across the state.
- Under the new voter ID law, in order to get a photo ID for voting purposes, voters must show the following documentation to a Driver Service Center examiner:
  - Proof of being a registered voter (a voter registration card);
  - Proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate); and
  - Two proofs of Tennessee residency (such as a copy of a utility bill, vehicle registration/title, or bank statement).
- It is very important to bring these documents to the Driver Service Center. Under the law, you cannot be issued a photo ID without each of these required items. (If you do not have a birth certificate, ask to speak to a Driver Service Center manager who will work with you to identify possible other documentation to prove citizenship).
- For a photo ID, each applicant must also sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury stating that he or she does not have a valid government-issued photo ID for voting purposes.

## For Citizens With Non-Photo Driver Licenses

- Any citizen who currently holds a non-photo Tennessee driver license may elect to simply get a photo driver license rather than a separate photo ID.
- If a citizen presents a voter registration card, and the citizen is only seeking to obtain a photo on the driver license, there will be no fee for this service.

**To help reduce the wait time for voters who need government-issued photo IDs, these citizens will be placed in an "express service" category when entering a Driver Service Center. Please tell the employee greeting customers that you are at the center for a government-issued photo ID for voting purposes.**