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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **WI Voter Photo ID Rules**

Washington County, WI – County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski urges voters to plan now to make sure they have the acceptable photo ID to vote at the November 8 General Election. Most voters already have one of the types of photo ID required to vote.

### **Election Day**

On Election Day, voters must provide one of the following photo IDs before they can cast a ballot. The following IDs are still valid if they expired since November 4, 2014:

- Wisconsin Driver's License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card

The following forms of photo ID are also acceptable:

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within 2 years of issuance
- Driver's License Receipt issued by the WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe (Can still be used if expired)
- Veterans Affairs ID Card (must be unexpired or have no expiration)
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college along with an enrollment verification document. The card must show the voter's name, signature, photo, the date the card was issued, and the date the card expires. The issued date cannot be more than two years from the expiration date. The card may still be used to vote even if it is expired.

An acceptable photo ID is not required to include a current address.

If you do not have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License or Wisconsin State ID, you can receive a free Wisconsin State ID from your local DMV if you specifically request a free ID for voting purposes. If you don't have documentation, like a birth certificate, you can still get a free ID for voting after one visit to the DMV using their petition process. Please contact your local DMV or your municipal clerk for more information.

## **Absentee Voting**

During in-person absentee voting, voters must present photo ID just like on Election Day. In Washington County, each municipal clerk establishes their own dates and hours for in-person absentee voting. Please contact your city, village, or town municipal clerk for dates and hours for your municipality. The County and the Courthouse does not provide in-person absentee voting and does not accept absentee ballot applications. All absentee voting (in-person and by mail) is conducted by the municipal clerk in the city, village, or town where the voter lives.

When voters request an absentee ballot by mail from their city, village, or town clerk, they must include a photocopy of their photo ID with the request, or the ballot cannot be mailed. You only need to provide your copy of photo ID once to vote by mail. Voters who are “indefinitely confined” because of age, illness, infirmity or disability, and who select this option when requesting their ballot, do not need to provide a photo ID when voting by mail. Active members of the U.S. Armed Services who are away from home are also exempt from the photo ID requirement when voting by mail. Please contact your municipal clerk’s office for more information.

**For specific questions on how the new Voter ID law affects you please contact your local municipal clerk’s office at:**

Town of Addison Clerk – (262) 629-5420  
Town of Barton Clerk – (262) 334-2765  
Town of Erin Clerk – (262) 673-3682  
Town of Farmington Clerk – (262) 692-2377  
Town of Germantown Clerk – (262) 677-8217  
Town of Hartford Clerk – (262) 673-7214  
Town of Jackson Clerk – (262) 677-4048  
Town of Kewaskum Clerk – (262) 626-2566  
Town of Polk Clerk – (262) 677-2123  
Town of Trenton Clerk – (262) 675-6009  
Town of Wayne Clerk – (262) 626-4818  
Town of West Bend Clerk – (262) 338-3417  
Village of Germantown Clerk – (262) 250-4740  
Village of Jackson Clerk – (262) 677-9001  
Village of Kewaskum Clerk – (262) 626-8484  
Village of Newburg Clerk – (262) 675-2160  
Village of Richfield Clerk – (262) 628-2260  
Village of Slinger Clerk – (262) 644-5265  
City of Hartford Clerk – (262) 673-8298  
City of West Bend Clerk – (262) 335-5100

Voters are also encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission’s Photo ID website [www.bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://www.bringit.wisconsin.gov) for information about the new law.

For more information, please contact your local municipal clerk, or the County Clerk’s office at (262) 335-4301.

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