

# **TRAINING FOR TEXAS VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRARS FOR ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS**

Classes are conducted at the Ellis County Elections Office on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am, excluding holidays and the election cycle.



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# BEFORE GETTING STARTED

- A person may not receive another person's registration application until satisfactorily completing training developed or approved by the Secretary of State and is appointed a volunteer deputy registrar (VDR).
- At the time of appointment, the county voter registrar will advise the volunteer deputy registrar of any county-specific procedures for processing voter applications and that the only requirements for voter registration are those prescribed by state law or by the Secretary of State.

# QUALIFICATIONS

A Volunteer Deputy Registrar must:

- be 18 years of age or older
- be a United States Citizen
- not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
  1. totally mentally incapacitated, or
  2. partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote
- never have been convicted of failing to deliver a voter registration application to a voter registrar
- not have been finally convicted of a felony, or, if convicted, must have
  1. fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or
  2. been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote
- not have been finally convicted of identity theft under Section 32.51 of the Texas Penal Code
- be a Texas resident

## NOTE:

Pursuant to Section 13.031(d)(3) of the Texas Election Code, to be eligible for appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar, a person must meet the requirements to be a qualified voter under Section 11.002 of the Code, except that the person **is not** required to be a registered voter.



## NOTE:

A county voter registrar may not reappoint a person whose appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar is terminated either for a final conviction under

- (1) Section 13.043, Texas Election Code, relating to delivery of completed registration applications or
- (2) Section 13.008, Texas Election Code, relating to performance- based compensation for volunteer deputy registrars.



# LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT

- A person who meets the qualifications may be appointed a volunteer deputy registrar (VDR) at any time.
- **All appointments expire on December 31st of every even-numbered year.** VDRs will need to be reappointed after that time by completing the test and training course.
- A person who has previously taken the volunteer deputy registrar examination and received a certificate of appointment in one county is not required to take the examination again in another county. The person should submit a Request for Appointment as a VDR with the new county. The voter registrar in the new county will appoint the person as a VDR and advise of any county-specific procedures.

Your appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar **MAY be terminated** by the appointing authority if it is determined that you (Sec. 13.036):

- failed to properly review a voter registration application;
- intentionally destroyed or physically altered a registration application; or
- engaged in any other activity that conflicts with your responsibilities as a volunteer deputy registrar.



Your appointment as a volunteer deputy registrar **WILL be terminated** by the county voter registrar if you are (Sec. 13.036) :

- finally convicted of an offense under the law relating to performance-based compensation for voter registration, Section 13.008, Texas Election Code; or
- finally convicted of an offense under the law relating to a failure to deliver a completed voter registration application to the county voter registrar, Section 13.043, Texas Election Code.



# ROLE OF A VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR



# SUPPLIES NEEDED WHEN REGISTERING VOTERS:

- Certificate of Appointment (Volunteer Deputy Card)\*
- Texas Volunteer Deputy Registrar Guide and any other handbook provided by your appointing authority\*
- Deputy Voter Registration Applications (Green Form with Receipt Stubs)\* (10 applications are given out to each VDR until returned and then more will be provided)
- Pens

*\*All election materials issued to a volunteer deputy registrar, including the Certificate of Appointment, receipts, applications and other forms in the volunteer deputy registrar's possession, must be returned or accounted for upon termination of appointment, not later than the second day after the volunteer deputy registrar receives the termination notice.*

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Jana Onyon</b><br>Elections Administrator   |  | <b>Volunteer Deputy</b><br># _____           |
| I hereby certify that  |   |  |
| Name _____   |   |  |
| Address _____  |   |  |
| is a duly qualified Deputy Voter Registrar for the County of Ellis, Texas, and is authorized to assist in preparation of applications for Voter Registration and to deliver completed applications to this office until: |   |  |
| Expiration Date _____  |   |  |
| _____  | _____   | _____  |
| Deputy Registrar   |   | <i>Jana Onyon</i><br>Elections Administrator |

# DISTRIBUTING AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

A volunteer deputy registrar assists the county voter registrar who appointed him or her to encourage voter registration.

A volunteer deputy registrar:

- may **distribute** voter registration applications to anyone who requests one.
- may **distribute and accept** a completed voter registration application from any resident of the county who is:
  - a United State citizen;
  - a resident of the county;
  - at least 17 years and 10 months of age;
  - not a convicted felon (unless the person's sentence has been completed, including probation or parole or the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote);
  - not a person determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.
- may **distribute and accept** a completed voter registration application from any resident of the county who wishes to change or correct information on his/her voter registration certificate (such as name or address).

Your county voter registrar should provide you with applications containing the county return address (Ellis County has green VDR applications).

If your county voter registrar does not have enough applications to provide to you, you may print blank applications for volunteer deputy registrars from the Secretary of State's website.

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/vr-with-receipt.pdf>

These applications should only be distributed to applicants residing in the county. Should you receive generic applications containing the secretary of state's return address, you can distribute to anyone residing in any county; however, you can only accept applications from those registering within the county in which you were appointed.



# To ASSIST or WITNESS APPLICANTS

- You may assist any resident of the county in completing a voter registration application, if **he/she cannot read, or has a physical disability.**
- If an **applicant cannot sign his/her name on the application**, the applicant may make a mark on the signature line. Print the name of the applicant beside the mark. Sign your name and address as the witness and state the reason the applicant is unable to sign.
- You may allow another registered voter (or anyone who has submitted a registration application) to **fill out and sign an application for his/her spouse, parent or child.** That person must sign the application as "agent" and state the relationship to the applicant on the application. The "agent" must have the permission of the applicant to do this.

# REVIEWING THE APPLICATIONS

- **Each voter registration application should be reviewed in the presence of the applicant.**
- If the voter registration application does not contain all the required information (as stated on the next page), including the required signature, the volunteer deputy registrar shall return the application to the applicant for completion and resubmission.

**Q: If the VDR realizes that the voter did not complete the application after the voter is no longer present, can the VDR contact the voter?**

**A: No.** The VDR should turn in the application, and the Voter Registrar should send a Notice of Incomplete, if possible.

A voter registration application you accept from any resident of the county should include the following:

- Section 1: Applicant must select why they are submitting the application (new application, change to current information or request for replacement). Applicant must also answer citizenship and age question;
- Section 2: Full name, including any middle, maiden, or former name;
- Section 3: Residence address must be a street address or a description of the location of the residence;
- Section 4: Valid mailing address, if mail can't be delivered to the residence address;
- Section 5: City and County of Former Residence in Texas;
- Section 6: Date of birth, including month, day, and year;
- Section 9: **Texas** Driver's License No., **Texas** Personal I.D. No. or last 4 digits of social security number. If the applicant hasn't been issued any of these items, he or she must check the box in this section affirming this statement; and
- Section 10: Signature of applicant and date of signing. Be sure the applicant has read the statements that he/she is signing regarding qualifications to register and if an agent is registering for an applicant, be sure the agent provides his/her relationship to the applicant.

**Note: Section 7 & 8 are optional**

## A volunteer deputy registrar **MAY NOT**:

- Determine if the applicant is actually qualified to register to vote.
- Make the applicant provide his/her gender or telephone number.
- Knowingly accept an application from a voter who resides in a county in which the VDR is not certified.



# Applicant Must Fill Out:

REQUIRED

MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED

**Texas Voter Registration Application** For Official Use Only

Prescribed by the Office of the Secretary of State VR17.2016E.13

Please complete sections by printing LEGIBLY. If you have any questions about how to fill out this application, please call your local voter registrar.

**1 These Questions Must Be Completed Before Proceeding**

Check one

New Application     Change of Address, Name, or Other Information     Request for a Replacement Card

Are you a United States Citizen?     Yes     No

Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?     Yes     No

If you checked 'No' in response to either of the above, do not complete this form.

Are you interested in serving as an election worker?     Yes     No

**2 Last Name** (Include Suffix if any (Jr, Sr, III))    **First Name**    **Middle Name** (if any)    **Former Name** (if any)

**3 Residence Address:** Street Address and Apartment Number. If phone, describe where you live. (Do not include P.O. Box, Rural Rt. or Business Address)    **City**    **TEXAS**

**4 Mailing Address:** Street Address and Apartment Number. (If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address.)    **County**    **Zip Code**

**5 City and County of Former Residence in Texas**

**6 Date of Birth:** (mm/dd/yyyy)    **7 Gender** (Optional)    **8 Telephone Number** (Optional) (include Area Code)

Male     Female    ( ) - -

**9 Texas Driver's License No. or Texas Personal I.D. No.** (Issued by the Department of Public Safety)    If no Texas Driver's License or Personal Identification, give last 4 digits of your Social Security Number

I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License/Personal Identification Number or Social Security Number.

**10** I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury, and a crime under state and federal law. Conviction of this crime may result in imprisonment up to 180 days, a fine up to \$2,000, or both. Please read all three statements to affirm before signing.

- I am a resident of this county and a U.S. citizen;
- I have not been finally convicted of a felony, or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned; and
- I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

**X**    Date    /    /

Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date.

Signature of Ellis County Deputy Registrar    VDR I.D.#    Date

**RECEIPT STUB FOR VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

Keep this receipt for your records. Above application must be delivered to Voter Registrar no later than 5 days after receipt.

OPTIONAL

# VDR Must Fill Out:

**ALL 3 PLACES  
MUST BE SIGNED  
VDR ID# FILLED IN  
AND DATED**

*Note: VDR ID# is found  
on your white  
certificate card given  
at training class.*

**PLACE VOTERS  
NAME AND  
ADDRESS ONTO  
RECEIPT STUBS**

state and federal law. Conviction of this crime may result in imprisonment up to 180 days, a fine up to \$2,000, or both. Please read all three statements to affirm before signing.

- I am a resident of this county and a U.S. citizen;
- I have not been finally convicted of a felony, or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned; and.
- I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Ellis County Deputy Registrar VDR I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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**RECEIPT STUB FOR VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR**  
Keep this receipt for your records. Above application must be delivered to Voter Registrar no later than 5 days after receipt.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant/Applicant's Agent (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Ellis County Deputy Registrar VDR I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Deputy Registrar Copy

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**RECEIPT STUB FOR APPLICANT**  
Keep this receipt until you receive your voter registration certificate from the voter registrar by mail.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant/Applicant's Agent (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Ellis County Deputy Registrar VDR I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Copy

**This portion  
and above  
for Elections  
Department**

**Tear this  
stub  
portion  
for VDR  
(you) to  
keep for  
your  
records**

**Tear this  
stub  
portion  
for voter**

# REGISTRATION RECEIPT STUB

For each completed voter registration application you receive, you must:

- Fill out the attached “**Receipt Stub for Applicant**” with the voter’s name.
- Sign the receipt, Place your VDR ID # and Date the card.
- Tear off and give that portion to the voter. Let the voter know on the back side is contact information if they don’t receive their card within 30 days.
- Prepare the attached “**Receipt Stub for Volunteer Deputy Registrar**” with the voters information (Name and full address).
- This is your receipt for your records and it contains only the information that you are allowed to keep.
- You should not keep copies of the completed voter registration applications because these documents contain information that is confidential by law.

# DELIVERY OF APPLICATIONS AND RECEIPTS

- You must deliver completed registration applications and receipts in person to the county voter registrar who appointed you **no later than 4 p.m. on the 5th day after the date you receive them.**

*Deliver to 204 E. Jefferson St. Waxahachie, Tx 75165 between 7am-4pm Monday – Friday (Closed for lunch 11-12noon)*

- Alternatively, you may deliver completed registration applications to the county voter registrar through another volunteer deputy registrar appointed by the county voter registrar no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the date you receive them.
- You **MAY NOT** deliver the application and receipts by mail.

- FAILURE TO DELIVER AN APPLICATION IN A TIMELY MANNER IS A **CRIMINAL OFFENSE**.

**NOTE** : To be eligible to vote, a person must be registered 30 days before Election Day.

***NEW LAW:** Pursuant to Section 13.042(c) of the Election Code, as amended by House Bill 2324 (85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, RS, 2017), effective September 1, 2017,* when you receive a completed application after the 34th day before the date of an election and on or before the last day for a person to timely submit a registration application for that election as provided by Section 13.143 of the Code, you **MUST deliver the application to the county voter registrar no later than 4 p.m. of the next regular business day after the date the voter applied.**

# VOTER REGISTRATION

*(INFORMATION THAT APPLICANTS MAY WISH TO KNOW)*



# APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to register to vote a person must:

- be at least 17 years and 10 months of age;
- be a United States citizen;
- be a resident of the county where registering;
- not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be
  - (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or
  - (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote
- not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must have:
  - (1) fully discharged the person's sentence, including any incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
  - (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote

# VOTER NAME CHANGES

If a voter's name changes, his/her voter registration can be updated by:

- making the change on the back of his/her voter registration certificate and mailing it to the county voter registrar;
- submitting a new application form to the voter registrar and checking the box for "change"; or
- writing a letter to the voter registrar explaining the name change.



# VOTER ADDRESS CHANGES

If the voter moves within the same county, his/her voter registration can be updated by:

- making the change on the back of the voter registration certificate and mailing it to the county voter registrar;
- submitting a new application form to the voter registrar and checking the box for "change";
- writing a letter to the voter registrar explaining the change of address; or
- submitting a change of name/address online at [www.Texas.gov](http://www.Texas.gov).



**If the voter moves to another county, they must re-register in the new county of residence.**

# EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGISTRATION

- The applicant can vote as soon as the **30th day after submitting the application**. This 30-day waiting period starts when the volunteer deputy registrar receives the application form.
- If the applicant is under 18, the registration will become effective on the 30th day after the voter registrar gets the application or on the applicant's 18th birthday, whichever comes later.



# PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS

The Voter's registration will be automatically renewed every even-numbered year unless:

- the voter moves to another address; or
- the voter is convicted of a felony and has not completed the sentence, probation or parole or been otherwise pardoned or released from the resulting disability to vote.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I have been designated a deputy registrar from County X. I will be at an event that will have attendees from County X along with County Y and County Z. May I register people from County Y and County Z?**

**A: No.** Volunteer deputy registrar status is conferred on a county-by-county basis. To accept applications for Y or Z counties, you would have to become a volunteer deputy registrar for those counties. You could certainly give applications to the attendees from County Y and County Z and direct them to mail the application to the appropriate county voter registrar's office. Under Section 13.044 of the Code, a person commits a Class C misdemeanor by acting as a volunteer deputy registrar when he or she does not have an effective appointment as a deputy registrar.

**Q: What if the county listed on the application is not the county in which the VDR is deputized? Should the VDR refuse to accept the application?**

**A: Yes.** The VDR should carefully review applications before accepting them. We encourage you to be trained in multiple counties especially when your county's population zones extend into multiple counties. VDRs will need to be clear with voters that they can only accept applications from their county.

**Q: What if someone who is not a VDR collects and delivers applications?**

**A: Please contact our office at 972-825-5195.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: May I photocopy a completed application before turning it in to the county voter registrar?**

**A: No.** Section 13.004(c-1) of the Code requires the county voter registrar to ensure that certain information, such as the telephone number/Social Security number/ drivers license number, on a registration application is redacted from photocopies of voter registration applications from their office. In our opinion, this means that a photocopy of an application must come directly from the county voter registrar's office, so that he or she may ensure the required information has been blacked out or otherwise obscured. With that said, we believe that a volunteer deputy registrar may photocopy the receipt (*Ellis county VDR will have a receipt stub for your records*).

**Q: If the VDR cannot photocopy the application, can they copy relevant information, in writing, from the application?**

**A: Yes.** But just public information, i.e. name, address (unless voter has applied to confidentiality program). (*Ellis county VDR will have a receipt stub for your records with relevant information*)

**Q: Can the VDR input the voter's public information into a database?**

**A: Yes.** However, the state believes that the limitation in 18.066 applies- a person may not use the material in connection with advertising or promoting commercial product or services.

**Q: How long do I have to keep my receipt stubs?**

**A:** It is not addressed in the Code, but we would suggest that you should retain the receipt stubs for 22 months following the election closest to the effective date of the applications.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I am a candidate and/or working for a campaign. May I serve as a volunteer deputy registrar?**

**A: Yes.** There is no prohibition against a candidate or a campaign worker serving as a deputy registrar, as long as they otherwise meet the “Qualifications” described above and have been officially appointed as a volunteer deputy registrar. Similarly, there is no prohibition against a volunteer deputy registrar registering voters at a campaign rally or event. While working a rally or public event, a volunteer deputy registrar must offer registration to anyone who requests it.

**Q: Is there any way for me to become a statewide volunteer deputy registrar?**

**A: No.** Volunteer deputy registrar appointments are made on a county-by-county basis. Section 13.032 of the Code provides that a county may not refuse to appoint a resident of the county as a volunteer deputy registrar. A voter registrar may not refuse to appoint a volunteer deputy registrar on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin or ancestry.

**Q: Is there a minimum age to become a volunteer deputy registrar?**

**A: Yes.** A person must be at least 18 years of age to become a volunteer deputy registrar.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I just want to hand out blank (white) voter registration application forms and encourage people to register to vote. Can I do that without being appointed as a volunteer deputy registrar?**

**A: Yes.** Anyone can hand out blank (white) application forms to voters for the voters to fill out and mail in themselves. If this is all you want to do, you do not have to be a volunteer deputy registrar. Also, if you are already a volunteer deputy registrar in one county, you can hand out blank forms in other counties where you are not a volunteer deputy. It is the voter's handing the application back to you to review and to deliver to the registrar that triggers the requirement to be an authorized volunteer deputy registrar.

**Q: What if someone says he or she is already registered?**

**A:** You may wish to advise the person that the new application form will be treated as an update if the old registration is in the same county and the voter is providing new information. If the person moved to a new county, he or she will need to register to vote in the new county.

**Q: As a volunteer deputy registrar, may I appoint others to assist me in registering voters?**

**A: No.** Each volunteer deputy registrar must be appointed directly by the county voter registrar or that registrar's deputy in the voter registrar's office.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: May a volunteer deputy registrar bundle completed applications and submit them to the voter registrar by mail?**

**A: No.** There are two methods for a volunteer deputy registrar to submit applications to the county voter registrar. First, the applications may be submitted by personal delivery by the volunteer deputy registrar. Second, the volunteer deputy registrar may give his or her applications to another volunteer deputy registrar for personal delivery to the county voter registrar.

**Q: I failed to submit the applications to the county voter registrar within the allotted period. What should I do now?**

**A:** Submit them to the county voter registrar as soon as possible. Under the law, the voter's registration is not impacted by your late delivery to the voter registrar. However, you should deliver them as soon as possible. Further delay will create problems in getting the lists ready in time for early voting and election day. **The registration process cannot be completed until you deliver the application.** The registration is still effective and the voter still receives the effective date of submission to you.

**Q: Can a VDR register people at rallies or campaign events?**

**A: Yes.** However, we recommend that VDRs offer applications to all persons that request an application. Remember a VDR may only accept applications they are legally allowed to accept (meets the qualifications- in Ellis County, etc.). You also might want to get some (white) blank applications for these types of events. Check with the secretary of states office for large quantities that can be mailed to any county in Texas.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What if I was appointed but still have not gone through the training?**

**A:** Until you have completed the training, you may not receive any person's voter registration application.

**Q: Does a person have to re-take the training and examination in every county in which they wish to serve as a VDR?**

**A:** No. The VDR may present their certificate to additional counties, and ask for certification. However, if a county has additional requirements, those will need to be met before a certificate of appointment is issued.

**Q: Can a VDR accept materials other than a registration application?**

**A:** No. However, for an exemption to photo ID requirements a VDR can provide them a form and the voter can mail, fax or email a scan.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Can a VDR associated with a candidate/campaign wear a t-shirt, buttons, or other political paraphernalia while serving as a VDR?**

**A: Yes.** However, certain venues (e.g., schools) may have rules about political materials on campus. Also, we recommend that anyone that requests a registration application should be provided with one, and the VDR should accept only those applications they are allowed to accept.

**Q: Can a person get paid to act as a VDR?**

**A: Yes.** But it is a Class A misdemeanor if:

1. A person compensates another person based on the number of applications
2. A person presents a quota as a condition of payment, or
3. Engages in a practice that causes another person's compensation from or employment status with the person to be dependent on the number of applications,
4. Accepts compensation under 1, 2 or 3

# UPCOMING ELECTIONS

- Ask your county voter registrar about upcoming elections and deadlines to register to vote.
- For general voting information, please visit [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov) or [www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections)

**Thank you for your service as a  
Texas Volunteer Deputy Registrar!**

# Ellis County Elections

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Facebook/EllisCountyElections  
Email: [Elections@co.ellis.tx.us](mailto:Elections@co.ellis.tx.us)  
Monday – Friday 7am – 4pm  
(closed for lunch 11am-12noon)



# State Elections Division

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Austin, Texas 78711-2060  
512.463.5650 or  
1.800.252.VOTE (8683)  
Fax 512.475.2811  
TTY 7.1.1  
[www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)  
[www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov)  
Email: [elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:elections@sos.texas.gov)





# ID required for Texas Voters

If you possess one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID, you must present it when voting in person:\*

- ★ Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- ★ Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- ★ Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- ★ Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- ★ United States Military Identification Card containing your photograph
- ★ United States Citizenship Certificate containing your photograph
- ★ United States Passport (book or card)



Do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of these IDs? Fill out a declaration at the polls describing a reasonable impediment to obtaining it, and show a copy or original of one of the following supporting forms of ID:

- ★ A government document that shows your name and an address, including your voter registration certificate;
- ★ Current utility bill;
- ★ Bank statement;
- ★ Government check;
- ★ Paycheck; or
- ★ (a) A certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes your identity (which may include a foreign birth document).

\* With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. A person 70 years of age or older may use a form of acceptable photo identification that has expired if the identification is otherwise valid.

**Exemptions:** Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing acceptable photo ID or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who do not present an acceptable form of photo identification or follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls because of certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to showing an acceptable form of photo identification or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.



# Identificación requerida para votantes de Texas

Si posee una de las siguientes formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía, debe presentarla al votar en persona:\*

- ★ Licencia de Conducir de Texas expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública (DPS, según sus siglas en inglés)
- ★ Certificado de Identificación Electoral de Texas expedido por el DPS
- ★ Tarjeta de Identificación Personal de Texas expedida por el DPS
- ★ Licencia para Portar Armas de Fuego de Texas expedida por el DPS
- ★ Cédula de Identificación Militar de los Estados Unidos con fotografía
- ★ Certificado de Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos con fotografía
- ★ Pasaporte de los Estados Unidos (libro o tarjeta)



¿ No posee y no puede razonablemente obtener una de estas identificaciones? Llene una declaración en la casilla electoral describiendo un impedimento razonable para obtenerla, y muestre una copia o el original de una de las siguientes formas de identificación adicionales:

- ★ Documento del gobierno con su nombre y dirección, incluyendo su certificado de registro de votante;
- ★ Factura reciente de servicios públicos;
- ★ Estado de cuenta bancaria;
- ★ Cheque del gobierno;
- ★ Cheque de pago; o
- ★ (a) Acta de nacimiento certificada nacional (de un estado o territorio de EE. UU.) o (b) un documento que confirma el nacimiento admisible en un tribunal de justicia que establece su identidad (que puede incluir un documento de nacimiento extranjero).

\* Con la excepción del certificado de ciudadanía estadounidense, para los votantes entre 18 y 69 años, la identificación aprobada con fotografía debe estar actualizada o no haber vencido más de 4 años antes de ser presentada para la calificación del votante en la casilla electoral. Una persona de 70 años de edad o más puede usar una forma de identificación aprobada con fotografía que haya vencido si la identificación es por lo demás válida.

**Exenciones:** Votantes con alguna discapacidad pueden aplicar con el registrador de votantes del condado para una exención permanente a la presentación de una identificación aprobada con fotografía o seguir el procedimiento de Declaración de Impedimento Razonable en las casillas electorales. Los votantes con una objeción religiosa a ser fotografiados o votantes que no presentan una forma de identificación aprobada con fotografía o que no siguen el procedimiento de Declaración de Impedimento Razonable en las casillas electorales debido a ciertos desastres naturales pueden aplicar para una exención temporal a la presentación de una identificación aprobada con fotografía o el seguir el procedimiento de Declaración de Impedimento Razonable en las casillas electorales. Por favor, póngase en contacto con su registrador de votantes para obtener más detalles.

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