

Voter Registration Information

[Eligibility](#)

To be eligible for voter registration, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, 18 years of age by election day (you may apply for registration at age 17 years, 10 months), not a convicted felon (unless a person's sentence is completed including any probation or parole), and not declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.

If for any reason you cannot register yourself, with your permission, your spouse, parent, or child may complete and sign a voter registration application for you, as long as that person is a registered voter or has applied for voter registration. This person is known as your "agent."

Please note that all voters who register to vote in Texas must provide a Texas driver's license number or personal identification number issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. If you do not have such a number, then you must state that fact on the application and provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have a social security number, you must also state that fact on your application.

[Register to vote or change your Voter Registration...](#)

Postage-paid voter registration applications (for new registrations or updates) are available at the Falls County Elections Office, local post office, libraries, and public assistance offices in Falls County...or, click the link below to view and print the online version of the voter registration application. You can complete the form on your computer and then print, sign, and return the completed form. The completed application must be returned to the Elections Department in person or by mail to the address shown on the application form. Completed applications must be returned or clearly postmarked by the 30th day before any election in which you desire to vote. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline moves forward to the next business day.

- [Voter Registration Application Form](#)

Go to: www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id.html

Print and return completed applications by mail, in person or by fax to:

Falls County Elections Office
125 Bridge St, Room # 111
P.O Box 810
Marlin, Texas 76661
(254) 804-0044 -fax

**IF AN APPLICATION IS FAXED YOU MUST STILL MAIL YOUR ORIGINAL APPLICATION.
IT MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 4 BUSINESS DAYS. WE CANNOT ACCEPT COMPLETED
APPLICATIONS BY E-MAIL.**

[Update your name and/or address online...](#)

You may update your name and/or address online if you still live in the county in which you are currently registered to vote. If you have moved to a new county, it is necessary to re-register using the Voter Registration Application provided in the section above. Online name and/or address changes must be submitted by the 30th day before any election in which you desire to vote. Click the link below to submit your online name and/or address change.

- [Online Voter Registration Address or Name Change](#)

Go to: www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id.html

[Resources:](#)

- [Request for Peace Officer Confidentiality](#)

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/bw9-3.pdf>

- [Request for Address Omission for Judge](#)

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/bw9-2.pdf>

- [VoteTexas.gov \(Voter Information Website from the Texas Secretary of State\)](#)

<http://votetexas.gov/>

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS FOR TEXAS VOTING

On August 10, 2016, a federal district court entered an order changing the voter identification requirements for all elections held in Texas after August 10, 2016 until further notice. As a result, voters who have obtained an acceptable form of photo identification for voting listed below are still required to present it in order to vote in person in all Texas elections. The acceptable form of photo identification may be expired up to four years. Voters who have not been able to obtain one of the forms of acceptable photo identification listed below, and have a reasonable impediment or difficulty to obtaining such identification, may present a supporting form of identification and execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, noting the voter's reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo identification, and stating that the voter is the same person on the presented supporting form of identification.

This requirement is effective immediately.

Following is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

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 concealed handgun license issued by DPS
United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
United States citizenship certificate or naturalization certificate containing the person's photograph
United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Here is a list of the supporting forms of ID that can be presented if the voter cannot obtain, and has a reasonable impediment or difficulty to obtaining one of the forms of acceptable photo ID:

Valid voter registration certificate
Certified birth certificate (must be an original)
Copy of or original current utility bill
Copy of or original bank statement
Copy of or original government check
Copy of or original paycheck
Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

After presenting a supporting form of ID, the voter must execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

Procedures for Voting

When a voter arrives at a polling location, the voter will be asked to present one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo ID that is current or expired no more than four years. If a voter has not been able to obtain one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo ID, and has a reasonable impediment or difficulty to obtaining an acceptable form of photo ID, the voter may present a supporting form of ID and execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, noting the voter's reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo ID, and stating that the voter is the same person on the presented form of supporting form of ID.

Election officials will still be required by State law to determine whether the voter's name on the identification provided matches the name on the official list of registered voters ("OLRV"). After a voter presents their ID, whether it's an acceptable form of photo ID or a supporting form of ID, the election worker will compare it to the OLRV. If the name on the ID matches the name on the list of registered voters, the voter will follow the regular procedures for voting.

If the name does not match exactly but is "substantially similar" to the name on the OLRV, the voter will be permitted to vote as long as the voter signs an affidavit stating that the voter is the same person on the list of registered voters.

If a voter possesses an acceptable form of photo ID but does not have it at the polling place, the voter will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have (six) 6 days to present an acceptable form of photo identification to the county voter registrar, or fill out the natural disaster affidavit referenced in the Exemption/Exceptions section below), or the voter's ballot will be rejected.

Exemption/Exceptions:

Voters with a disability who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID may also apply with the county voter registrar for a **permanent exemption**. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing he or she has been determined to have a disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no acceptable form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption, and will not need to execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.

- Form for Requesting Disability Exemption

Voters who have a consistent **religious objection** to being photographed and voters who do not present any form of acceptable photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for your ballot to be counted. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What kind of photo identification is required to qualify to vote in person??

The following is a list of acceptable photo IDs at the polling place:

- 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 license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

2. My acceptable photo ID is expired. Will it still work?

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the acceptable photo identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

3. What if a voter does not have any of the acceptable forms of photo ID?

If a voter cannot obtain an acceptable form of photo ID, and the voter has a reasonable impediment or difficulty to obtaining such ID, the voter may still cast a regular ballot by presenting a supporting form of

ID and executing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, noting the voter's reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo ID, and stating that the voter is the same person as the person on the presented form of supporting form of ID.

Here is a list of supporting forms of ID:

- Valid voter registration certificate
- Certified birth certificate (must be an original)
- Copy of or original current utility bill
- Copy of or original bank statement
- Copy of or original government check
- Copy of or original paycheck
- Copy of or original government document with your name and an address (original required if it contains a photograph)

A **permanent exemption** is available for voters with documented disabilities who have not obtained one of the acceptable forms of photo ID. Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of acceptable photo ID. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption.

If a voter (a) does not have one of the acceptable forms of photo identification listed above, which is not expired for more than four years, and a voter does not have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one of these forms of identification or (b) has, but did not bring to the polling place, one of the seven forms of acceptable photo identification listed above, which is not expired for more than four years, the voter may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. However, in order to have the provisional ballot counted, the voter will be required to visit the voter registrar's office within six calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the above forms of photo ID OR submit one of the temporary affidavits addressed below (e.g., religious objection or natural disaster) in the presence of the county voter registrar while attesting to the fact that he or she does not have any of the required photo IDs.

Affidavits are available for voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and for voters who do not present a form of acceptable photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor within 45 days of the day the ballot was cast.

4. What is a reasonable impediment?

Reasonable impediments include lack of transportation, disability or illness, lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain acceptable photo ID, work schedule, family responsibilities, lost or stolen photo ID, or photo ID applied for but not received. You may also describe another reasonable impediment you have on the Reasonable Impediment Declaration form.

5. What if a voter does not have any form of ID with them at the polling place and they do not have a disability exemption?

If a voter has not obtained an acceptable form of photo ID, and does not have or does not bring a supporting form of ID to present in connection with a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, if the voter does not have a reasonable impediment to obtaining an acceptable form of photo ID, or if the voter has, but did not bring with them, an acceptable form of photo ID, the voter may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. However, in order to have the provisional ballot counted the voter will be required to visit the county voter registrar's office within six calendar days of the date of the election to either present an acceptable form of photo ID OR submit one of the temporary affidavits addressed above (religious objection or natural disaster) in the presence of the county voter registrar.

6. My name on my approved photo ID and/or my supporting ID document does not exactly match my name on my voter registration card. Can I still vote?

Election officials will review the ID and if a name is "substantially similar" to the name on their list of registered voters, you will still be able to vote, but you will also have to submit an affidavit stating that you are the same person on the list of registered voters.

7. What does "substantially similar" mean?

A voter's name is considered substantially similar if one or more of the following circumstances applies:

The name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields on the official list of registered voters.

The name on the voter's ID or on list of registered voters is a customary variation of the voter's formal name. For example, Bill for William, or Beto for Alberto.

The voter's name contains an initial, middle name, or former name that is either not on the official list of registered voters or on the voter's ID.

A first name, middle name, former name or initial of the voter's name occupies a different field on the

presented ID document than it does on the list of registered voters.

In considering whether a name is substantially similar, election officials will also look at whether information on the presented ID matches elements of the voter's information on the official list of registered voters such as the voter's residence address or date of birth.

8. Is there any change in the process for voting by mail?

There is no change in the process for voting by mail for most voters. Specifically, there is no change in procedure for voters who are voting by mail after their first time voting by mail, and for first time voters who would otherwise not be required to present identification under the federal Help America Vote Act in order to vote by mail.

9. Does the address on my ID have to match my address on the official list of registered voters at the time of voting in order for it to be acceptable as ID?

No. There is no address matching requirement.

10. Is the DPS Election Identification Certificate still going to be available?

Yes. The Election Identification Certificate is now available, and will be still be a form of acceptable photo ID. Information regarding how to obtain an election identification certificate can be found at www.dps.texas.gov. You may also contact DPS by telephone at (512) 424-2600 for more information.

We hope you have found this information helpful. Should you need additional information, please contact our office via telephone at 830-331-8701.

Additional Resources

[Election Identification Certificate](#) issued by DPS
<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>

General Information

Early Voting:

There are two ways to vote early in Texas: in person and by mail. Either option will eliminate waiting in long lines on election day. Early voting generally begins 17 days before an election and ends 4 days before. If the 17th day before election day happens to land on a weekend, then early voting begins the following Monday.

Early Voting In Person:

Lines at early voting are usually shorter and the days and hours are more convenient. Early voting is open to all registered voters, no excuses necessary!

Curbside Voting: This service is available to any voter who has difficulty walking or standing for long periods. Please call ahead to notify the early voting clerk that you want to vote from your car. The election official will bring your ballot to your car outside the polling location.

Curbside Voters Call: (254) 883-1521

Falls County Courthouse
125 Bridge St, Room# 111, Marlin, Tx 76661

Early Voting By Mail:



Voting by mail has been available to elderly voters and voters with physical disabilities in Texas for decades. Applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted to the Kendall County Elections Department no later than 11 days before.

You may vote by mail if you are:

- Going to be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting
- Sick or disabled
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote

DO NOT REMOVE PERFORATED TABS. Mark here and fold bottom to top to seal. DO NOT REMOVE PERFORATED TABS. Mark here and fold bottom to top to seal.

Application for Ballot by Mail Prescribed by the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas For Official Use Only
2016-16-001001
Electoral Administration Division of the Secretary of State of Texas

Instructions for certain fields of this application can be found on the back of this form.

1. Last Name (Please print information) Ballot # (1, 2, 3, 4) First Name Middle Initial

2. Residence Address: See back of this application for clarification. City, State TX Zip Code

3. Mail my ballot to: If mailing address differs from residence address, please complete Box #7. City, State Zip Code

4. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) You may complete only ONE application for each election; check appropriate boxes in 5a OR 5b.

5a. Uniform Election Dates (Select the applicable election):
 May Uniform Election Any Recurring Runoff
 November Election Other

5b. PRIMARY Election: Select one or both.
 Mail-In Primary Precinct
 Mail-In Primary Runoff Precinct

6. Reasons for Voting by Mail: Check one or more.
 65 years of age or older
 Disability
 Extended absence from the county (to apply to complete Box #8)
 Confinement in jail

7. If you are requesting this ballot be mailed to a different address (other than residence), indicate where the ballot will be mailed:
 Mailing address as listed on my voter registration card/lasts
 Residence/care center
 Address of the jail
 Housing home (unrelated long facility or not from same facility)
 Robbing relationship
 Address outside the county (see Box #8)
 Address outside the county (see Box #8)

8. I certify that the information given in this application is true, and I understand that giving false information in this application is a crime.
 SIGN HERE: If unable to sign, applicant must mail this form in presence of witness and proceed to Box #10.

9. Contact Information (Optional): Please list phone number as well as address. *Useful in case our offices have questions.

10. If someone helped you to complete this form or mails the form for you, then that person must complete the section below.

10a. See back for Witness and Assistant definitions.
 If you are acting as a witness, please check this box.
 If you are acting as an Assistant, please check this box.
 If you are acting as a Witness and Assistant, please check BOTH boxes.

10b. If applicant is unable to sign or mark Box #9, the witness must check this box.
 Failure to complete this information is a Class A misdemeanor if a signature was witnessed or applicant was assisted in completing the application.

10c. Full Residence Address of Impresario/Assistant to include City/State/Zip
 Street Address Apt Number (if applicable)
 City State Zip

11. Signature of Witness/Assistant
 Printed Name of Witness/Assistant

Este formulario está disponible en Español. Para conseguirlo envíenos un correo electrónico a: eap@sos.texas.gov o llámalo al Servicio al Ciudadano al 800-690-6888.

Ballot By Mail Application

<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15f.pdf>

How can I submit my application?:

- By Mail to:

Falls County Early Voting Clerk
 P.O BOX 810
 Marlin, TX 76661
- By Email to: nicket.taylor@co.falls.tx.us
- By Fax to: (254) 883-1521
- By Common or Contract Carrier to:

Falls County Early Voting Clerk
 125 Bridge St, Room # 111
 Marlin, TX 7661

******* NOTE: If you FAX or EMAIL your application to the early voting clerk you must ALSO mail the application so that the clerk receives it NO LATER THAN the fourth (4th) business day after the day the clerk received your application. If you fax or email your application by the deadline, your application will be considered complete and timely as long as the original is received by the early voting clerk by the fourth business day after it was submitted by fax or email.**

NOTE: U.S. citizens residing outside the United States along with members of the Uniformed Services and their family members are eligible to use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form to request a ballot by mail. The FPCA also serves as an application for voter registration for eligible citizens not currently registered to vote. Please review the following requirements and information for requesting a ballot via the FPCA form.

Voters with Special Circumstances

Special Conditions are available for persons who become hospitalized or suffer a death in the family after the close of the regular application deadline. Specific guidelines must be met to be eligible. Please contact the Elections Office at (254) 883-1521 for more

information.

Election Day Voting:



Voting is as easy as 1,2,3!!

- 1.) Register to vote prior to 30 days before the election
(Note: You do not need to re-register unless you have moved)
- 2.) Locate your polling location prior to the election
(Note: Please refer to the list of polling locations)
- 3.) Arrive at your polling location on Election Day between the hours of 7am -7pm and cast your vote!
(Note: Make sure you have a valid form of voter ID. If you do not have a valid form of Voter ID you can complete a reasonable impediment declaration and submit an acceptable alternate form of identification)

Acceptable Identification for Voting:

Go to:

www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/id/acceptable-forms-of-ID.pdf

ATTENTION VOTERS: It is important to verify where you will be voting on Election Day. If you have looked at the list of polling locations and are still unsure, please call our office at (254) 883-1521.