

Voter Registration

Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

<p>What has changed in the law?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Photo ID is never required when registering to vote.</u> However, proof of residence may still be required. ➤ As of June 2011, Wisconsin law requires that voters reside at their new address for 28 consecutive days before registering. Voters who have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election must vote from their previous address, either by absentee ballot or at the polling place. Voters who have moved to Wisconsin from another state less than 28 days before an election will not be eligible to vote. ➤ As of June 2011, Wisconsin law no longer allows a “corroborating witness” to provide proof of residence. See the “Proof of Residence and Wisconsin’s New Voter Photo ID Law” document for more details. ➤ As of June 2011, voters may no longer register in the clerk’s office after the Friday before the election. Voters may still register at the polling place on Election Day.
<p>How and when may I register to vote?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By mail up to 20 days before the election. Registration forms should be mailed to your municipal clerk. Forms are available at the G.A.B. website, or the Voter Public Access website, http://vpa.wi.gov. These forms must be printed, signed, and mailed to the clerk. If you are a first time voter in the State of Wisconsin, and you register by mail, you must provide proof of residence. ➤ By Special Registration Deputy (SRDs) – As of June 2011, the G.A.B. can no longer train statewide SRDs, so SRDs will be trained by some municipalities to collect voter registration forms in that municipality only. Those SRDs must turn in all registration forms by 5:00 pm on the 20th day before the election and cannot collect registrations less than 20 days before an election. If you register with a Special Registration Deputy, you are not required to provide proof of residence. ➤ In the municipal clerk’s office during the open registration period. If you register with the municipal clerk 20 days or more before the election, you are not required to provide proof of residence. ➤ In the municipal clerk’s office during the closed registration period. If you register in the clerk’s office less than 20 days before the election, you must provide proof of residence. Registration ends the Friday before the election. ➤ At the polling place on Election Day. All electors who register on Election Day must provide proof of residence. In order to cast a ballot, voters must also show photo ID.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.