

PROCEDURE FOR PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLS

Every qualified elector is required to show proof of identity at the polling place before receiving a ballot (A.R.S. 16-579A). The following is a list of acceptable forms of identification that can be used. This information is being presented in order to ensure that your voting experience is a positive one. Please take the time to **check and update your identification NOW**, (see next page), review the list and be prepared to vote at the next election.

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

LIST #1: Photo Identification with name and address – ONE REQUIRED

Acceptable forms of identification with photograph, name and address of the elector

- Valid Arizona driver license (address must MATCH the voter's address on the Signature Roster at the polling place).
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license.
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification.
- Valid United States, federal, state or local government issued identification (passports not accepted).

An identification is “valid” unless it can be determined that it has expired. The name and address MUST match the voter's name and address shown on the Signature Roster.

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LIST #2: Non-Photo Identification (name and address only) – TWO REQUIRED

Acceptable forms of identification without a photograph that bear the name and address of the elector

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within ninety days of the date of the election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone, or cable television.
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within ninety days of the date of the election.
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration.
- Indian Census card.
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence.
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification.
- Vehicle insurance card.
- Recorder's Certificate or Voter Registration Card.
- Valid United States, federal, state or local government issued identification
- Any “Official Election Material” mailing bearing the voter's name and address.

PROVISIONAL BALLOT

If the voter does not have acceptable identification at the polling place, a Provisional Ballot can be voted. Acceptable identification must then be presented to the Maricopa County Recorder or Mesa City Clerk. For the March Special Election, the deadline date to submit required identification is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13th, 2009.**

IMPORTANT!!!! CHECK AND UPDATE IDENTIFICATION NOW!!!!

Voters are strongly encouraged to plan ahead and make sure that their IDs will be acceptable on Election Day.

- For photo IDs, make sure that the photo still actually looks like you.
- Make sure that the name and address on the ID is current and matches the Maricopa County Elections signature roster. (Call 602-506-1511 to verify that information.)
- Be aware that if more than one person lives at your address, then only the person whose name actually appears on the utility bill will be able to use that bill for identification purposes.
- Couples, roommates, and all family members in the same household will need to provide individual forms of identification.

PLEASE NOTE: VOTER ID IS NOT REQUIRED FOR EARLY BALLOTS.

Although voter identification is now required to obtain a ballot at the polls on Election Day, voter ID is not required for early ballots. This is because the voter's original signature on the back of each early ballot is individually checked against the original version of the signature that is on file with the Maricopa County Elections Department. If the signatures do not match, the early ballot will not be counted.

If you have questions regarding voter identification for the upcoming election contact:

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