



Rumor Buster: New Voter Identification Requirements

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FORMS OF ID ACCEPTED AT THE POLLS, STARTING JULY 1 **~ Incorrect Information Circulating Claiming That Photo ID will be Required at Polls~**

RICHMOND, VA – The State Board of Elections is aware of an incorrect report circulating that states recent legislation signed into law by Governor McDonnell requires photo identification to vote. This story also incorrectly states the date the legislation will take effect.

The Governor signed HB9/ SB1 into law on May 18, 2012. It goes into effect July 1, 2012, subject to Department of Justice preclearance. **Accordingly, this new law will not take effect for the June 12 Primary.** However, it will be in effect for the November 6, 2012 General Election. This law will require voters to show identification from the following expanded list of acceptable options:

- Commonwealth of Virginia voter registration card
- Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Any other identification card issued by a government agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States
- Any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Any valid employee identification card issued containing a photograph of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business
- A copy of a current utility bill
- A copy of a current bank statement
- A copy of a current government check
- A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter
- A concealed handgun permit

Any voter who does not show one of these forms of identification at the polls will be asked to vote a provisional ballot. The voter must supply a copy of one of these acceptable forms to the local electoral board by noon the Friday after the election before his or her vote can be counted. For more information, please contact the State Board of Elections at 804.864.8901 or

1.800.552.9745.

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