



AFGE Defends Democracy

AFGE's nonpartisan
voter protection campaign



Kansas

2012 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION



Know Your Rights

Here's what you need to know to if you're
voting in Kansas in 2012

Register to Vote

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS
OCTOBER 16, 2012.

Vote

2012 General Election:
November 6, 2012

Poll Hours

Polling places open at 7:00
a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on
Election Day; however, individ-
ual counties may open polls
earlier or close polls later.

Check your Registration

If you are not sure if you are
registered to vote, contact your
county board of elections,
visit the Kansas Office of the
Secretary of State at
www.voteks.org or call 1-866-
OUR-VOTE.

Check your Polling Place

If you are not sure where you
are registered to vote, contact
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Secretary of State at
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OUR-VOTE.

VOTER REGISTRATION

**What are the ID requirements to
register?**

Online: To register online, you must
have a valid Kansas driver's license
or non-driver's identification card.
Online registration is available at:
[https://www.kdor.org/
voterregistration/Default.aspx](https://www.kdor.org/voterregistration/Default.aspx).

Paper form: If you do not have a
valid Kansas driver's license or non-
driver's identification card, you may
register to vote using the last four
digits of your Social Security number
on the paper form.

Note: Beginning Jan. 1, 2013, new
registrants in Kansas must submit
proof of U.S. citizenship as part of
the registration process.

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS

**Am I required to show a photo ID to
vote in Kansas?**

YES! Starting Jan. 1, 2012, Kansas
voters must show photographic iden-
tification when casting a vote in per-
son. Acceptable forms of photo ID
include:

- A driver's license or non-driver's
identification card issued by Kan-
sas or by another state or district
of the United States;
- A concealed carry of handgun
license issued by Kansas or a
concealed carry of handgun or
weapon license issued by anoth-
er state or district of the United
States;

- A U.S. passport;
- An employee badge or identifica-
tion document issued by a mu-
nicipal, county, state or federal
government office;
- A military identification document
issued by the United States;
- A student identification card is-
sued by an accredited postsec-
ondary institution of education in
the state of Kansas; and
- A public assistance identification
card issued by a municipal, coun-
ty, state or federal government
office.

Are there exceptions?

YES!!

- Persons ages 65 or older may
use expired photo ID documents;
- The photo ID requirements do
not apply to military and over-
seas citizens who vote under the
federal Uniformed and Overseas
Citizens Absentee Voting Act
(UOCAVA);
- The photo ID requirements do
not apply in mail ballot elections.
Mail ballot elections are limited to
local jurisdictions holding special
question-submitted elections;
- The photo ID requirements do
not apply to voters who qualify,
apply and are accepted to the
permanent advance voting list,
as long as they remain on the
permanent advance voting list; and
- Any person whose religious be-
liefs prohibit photographic identi-
fication may be exempted from

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information visit the Kansas Office of the Secretary of State at www.voteks.org

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AFGE's Defends Democracy

AFGE Defends Democracy is a non-partisan effort to ensure that all votes are counted and that registered voters are able to vote fairly and without intimidation! Help us educate our members and their families on their voting rights, fight back against unjust voter suppression and defend America's Democracy on Election day!

AFGE's Democracy Brigade

Take these 4 easy actions to get involved with AFGE's Democracy Brigade:

- **Register to Vote!**
 - ◇ If you are already registered, assist at least two people who are not.
- **Share AFGE Defends Democracy**
 - ◇ (Friend us on Facebook) Tell members of your local, friends and family to become a part of AFGE's Democracy Brigade.
- **Follow AFGE Defends Democracy's Blog**
 - ◇ <http://afgedefendsdemocracy.wordpress.com> by signing up and getting every new post delivered to your inbox.
- **Volunteer to be a Poll Worker on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.**
 - ◇ We need volunteers to work inside and outside of polling stations. Check with the board of elections for your state to apply.

Get involved today!

If you have any questions regarding AFGE's Voter Protection program please visit our website at www.afge.org/VoterProtection or contact AFGE's Voter Protection Coordinator Mark Vinson at 202-639-6417 or voterprotection@afge.org.

the photo ID requirement. Any such person must complete and sign a Declaration of Religious Objection.

Can I get a free ID?

Yes. A registered voter who does not possess any of the approved government-issued photographic identification documents and who wishes to vote may apply for a free non-driver identification card at the Division of Motor Vehicles. The person must sign a form containing an affidavit stating that he or she is registered to vote and does not possess a photographic identification document. To obtain a non-driver identification card, a person must present acceptable proof of identity and proof of residence to the Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue. For a complete list of acceptable documents, go to www.ksrevenue.org/dmvpvproof.html.

Can I get a free birth certificate in order to get my free ID?

Yes. Qualifying individuals who lack proof of identity and desire to obtain a free non-driver identification card may obtain a Kansas birth certificate from the Kansas Office of Vital Statistics at no cost. To qualify for a free birth certificate, you must:

- Not possess any valid photographic identification documents under Kansas law;
- Lack any of the documents necessary to prove identity;
- Sign an affidavit attesting to items 1 and 2;
- Be registered to vote in Kansas; and
- Have been born in Kansas.

For more information about applying for a free birth certificate, call the Kansas Office of Vital Statistics at 785-296-1400 or go to: www.kdheks.gov/vital/birth_cert_voter_ID_instructions.htm.

ADVANCE VOTING

ID requirements for advance voters are the same as for regular voters. If an advance voter fails to provide identifi-

cation information, or if the information provided is not valid, the county election officer may issue a provisional ballot, but the ballot is not considered valid unless the voter submits identification sometime before the county canvass.

You may vote in person at your county election office starting the Tuesday before Election Day, or up to 20 days before the election, depending on the county. Some counties offer satellite voting sites during the 20-day advance voting period. To find such locations, contact your county election office.

For the 2012 election, many counties will begin in-person advance voting on Oct. 17 for the general election, but some will wait until a later date. All counties must offer in-person advance voting by Oct. 30. The deadline for in-person advance voting in the general election is noon on Nov. 5, 2012.

To vote by mail in advance of Election Day:

1. Complete the application for an advance ballot at www.kssos.org/forms/elections/AV1.pdf.
2. Provide either your driver's license number on the ballot application or a copy of your photo identification document with your application.
3. Return the application to your county election office before Nov. 2 for the 2012 general election.
4. The ballot will be mailed to you. Complete and return your ballot to your county election office by mail beginning Oct. 17 for the general election.
5. All ballots must be received in the county election office by the close of polls on Election Day.
6. You may request assistance in applying for and casting an advance voting ballot.

For more information on voting, call the Kansas Office of the Secretary of State, 800-262-8683, or go to www.voteks.org/.

For more information about AFGE's Democracy Brigade visit:

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