



AFGE Defends Democracy

AFGE's nonpartisan voter protection campaign

2012 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Register to Vote

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 12, 2012 TO RECEIVE YOUR MANDATORY VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Vote

2012 General Election: November 6, 2012

Poll Hours

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Check your Registration

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, contact your county board of elections, visit the Oklahoma Board of Elections at www.ok.gov/elections/ or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Check your Polling Place

If you are not sure where you are registered to vote, contact your county board of elections, visit the Oklahoma Board of Elections at www.ok.gov/elections/ or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Oklahoma

Know Your Rights

In November 2010, Oklahoma voters approved a ballot referendum requiring proof of identity to vote. The proof of identity law requires every voter who votes in person at the precinct polling place or during early voting at the county election board to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot.

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

VOTER REGISTRATION

You must fill out a voter registration application form, available at your county election board, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations. You will be offered a voter registration application when you get your driver's license and when you apply for assistance at some government agencies. You also may download an application form at www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Registration/Voter_Registration_Application_Form/.

You must sign and date the oath printed on the form. When you sign the voter registration application form, you swear you are eligible to register to vote.

You may mail your voter registration application to the State Election Board. The card already is addressed, but you must add a first-class postage stamp. If you fill out your voter registration application form at a tag agency when you get your driver's license or when you apply for assistance at a government agency, the agency will mail the form to the State Election Board for you.

You may submit your voter registration application form at any time. However, voter identification cards cannot be issued during the 24 days prior to an

election. If your registration application is received by the county election board during the 24 days before an election, you will not receive your voter identification card until after the election.

If you will become 18 during the 60 days before an election, you may apply for voter registration between 25 and 60 days before the election.

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS

Am I required to show a photo ID to vote in Oklahoma?

YES!! A document used for proof of identity for voting must have been issued by the U.S. government, the state of Oklahoma or a federally recognized tribal government. The law requires any document used for proof of identity for voting to contain the following information:

- The name of the person to whom it was issued;
- A photograph of the person to whom it was issued; and
- An expiration date that is after the date of the election.

The law also requires the voter's name on the proof of identity document to



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Oklahoma Know Your Rights



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.

"substantially conform" to the voter's name in the precinct registry. In other words, your name on your proof of identity must match your name in the precinct registry.

The following documents may be used for proof of identity for voting:

- An Oklahoma driver's license;
- A state identification card*;
- A passport; or
- A military identification.

*A state identification card issued to a person 65 years of age or older does not have an expiration date but is, by law, a valid proof of identity for voting.

In addition, voters may use the voter identification card they received by mail from the county election board when they registered to vote. The law allows use of the voter identification card even though it does not include a photograph or an expiration date.

If you do not have or if you refuse to show proof of identity, you may only vote by provisional ballot.

EARLY VOTING

You can vote early at the county election board office in the county in which you are registered to vote from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Friday and Monday before all elections. For state and federal elections only, you also can vote early from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

To find your county election board office, visit www.ok.gov/elections/documents/cebinfo.pdf or contact the Oklahoma State Election Board at 405-521-2391.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter in Oklahoma may vote by absentee ballot. It is not necessary to give a reason for voting absentee.

Applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing. Absentee ballot application forms are available from all county election boards and from the

State Election Board.

You also may download a form from the website at www.ok.gov/elections/Absentee_Voting/Absentee_Ballot_Applications/.

You are not required to use the form, however. You may write a letter to your county election board to apply for an absentee ballot. The letter must contain the following information:

- Your name;
- Your birth date;
- The address at which you are registered to vote;
- The election or elections for which you are requesting a ballot/ballots;
- The address to which the ballot(s) should be mailed; and
- Your signature.

You may apply for absentee ballots for one election, several elections or for all elections in which you are eligible to vote during the calendar year in which the application is submitted.

You may mail your absentee ballot application to the county election board, fax it or you may deliver your own application personally to the county election board office. (You may not deliver an application for another person, however.)

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is 5 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the election.

If your absentee ballot is mailed to you, you must return it to the county election board by mail. An absentee ballot must be received by the county election board before 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

For more information, contact your local county election office or visit the Oklahoma Board of Elections at www.ok.gov/elections/

For more information about AFGE's Democracy Brigade visit:

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