

Voter Registration Drives Under H.B. 340

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the legislature passed amendments to Idaho's voter ID laws to make the process of proving identity and residence easier to understand for everyone—including organizations that conduct voter registration drives. The Secretary of State implemented changes to the voter registration system when the new law took effect on July 1, 2023, and the new system is now fully operational as of July 10, 2023. This document provides simple guidance for everything you need to conduct a successful voter registration drive under the new law.

Registering someone to vote in Idaho requires them to prove both their identity and their residence. As under prior law, organizations can conduct both paper and electronic voter registration drives.

The easiest way to register to vote is with the voter's Idaho driver's license or state ID card with the voter's current address. The new law creates a free form of voter ID for anyone 18 years of age or older who has not had a driver's license in the last six months.

If an organization conducts an electronic voter registration drive through the link on the Secretary of State website, registrants can instantly prove their identity and residence by submitting their Idaho driver's license or state ID information. The state system then immediately validates that identity and residence information and, if confirmed, registers them to vote.

If the organization conducts a paper voter registration drive, then the voter's driver's license or state ID will be validated when the form is submitted to the county clerk.

If an individual lacks an Idaho driver's license or state ID, or if their voting address does not match the address on their driver's license or state ID, they will receive a follow-up communication from the county clerk to complete their registration. Individuals who receive this follow-up can then either go to the county clerk's office to prove their identity and residence or they can satisfy these requirements at the polls on election day, through the following methods:

Proving Identity (provide any one of following)

- An Idaho driver's license or identification card
- A U.S. Passport or Federal Identification card
- A Tribal Identification card
- An Idaho concealed weapons license

Proving Residence (provide any one of following)

- A current Idaho driver's license, tribal identification card, or concealed weapons license with correct corresponding address
- Current proof of insurance
- Deed of trust, mortgage, or lease agreement
- A property tax assessment, bill, or receipt
- A utility bill, excluding a cellular telephone bill
- A bank or credit card statement
- A paystub, paycheck, or government check
- An intake document from a residential care or assisted living facility
- Enrollment papers issued for the current school year by a high school, or an accredited institution of higher education located within the state of Idaho.
- A communication on letterhead from a public or private social service agency registered with the Secretary of State verifying the applicant is homeless and attesting to the applicant's residence for registration purposes.