Election Day Registration

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Following are requirements for registering to vote at the polls or while voting an absentee ballot at a satellite voting location. The underlined portions are new.

In order to register and vote on Election Day, one must provide proof of identity and residency. BOTH may be established with the following forms of identification, IF they contain the person’s photograph, current address, and a valid expiration date. [NOTE: For elections in calendar year 2020, acceptable forms of identification that have an expiration date of January 1, 2020 or later are considered current.]

1) Iowa driver’s license
2) Iowa nonoperator’s ID card
3) Out-of-state driver’s license or nonoperator’s ID card
4) U.S. passport
5) U.S. military or veterans ID card
6) Tribal ID card
7) ID card issued by an employer
8) Student ID from an Iowa high school or an Iowa postsecondary educational institution.

If the photographic ID presented does not contain the person’s current address in the precinct, the person shall present one of the following documents that shows the person’s name and current address in the precinct, and the document must be dated (or describe terms of residency current to) within 45 days prior to presentation:

1) Residential lease
2) Property tax statement
3) Utility bill
4) Bank statement
5) Paycheck
6) Government check
7) Other government document

Electronic documents are acceptable.

Absent such identification, a person wishing to vote may establish identity and residency in the precinct by written oath of a person who is registered to vote in the precinct. Before signing an oath under this paragraph, the attesting registered voter shall present to the precinct election official proof of the voter’s identity in one of the following forms:
1) Iowa driver’s license
2) Iowa nonoperator’s ID card
3) U.S. passport
4) U.S. military or veterans ID card
5) A current, valid tribal identification card or other tribal enrollment document issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe or nation, which includes a photograph, signature, and valid expiration date.
6) Voter identification card issued under this new law (Voter registration cards previously provided by county auditors will not be valid for purposes of voting.)

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A registered voter who has signed an oath on election day attesting to a person’s identity and residency as provided here is prohibited from signing any further such oaths on that day for voters registering on election day.

Precinct election officials shall check the name of a person registering to vote on election day against a database of persons convicted of felonies whose voting rights have not been restored, if the precinct has an electronic poll book. If the person’s name appears on the database, the precinct election official shall challenge the person’s right to vote.

VERY IMPORTANT PROVISION FOR PERSONS REGISTERING ON ELECTION DAY IN PRECINCTS THAT DO NOT HAVE ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS:
If the precinct does not have an electronic poll book, a person registering to vote on election day shall only be permitted to vote a provisional ballot. The person’s name shall be checked after the election against the database of persons convicted of felonies whose voting rights have not been restored, and if the person’s name does not appear on the database, the person’s provisional ballot shall be counted. No additional documentation is required from the voter.

An eligible elector who registers by mail and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in the county of registration shall be allowed to vote under one of the following circumstances:

1) Upon providing on the registration form the registrant’s
   a. Iowa driver’s license number
   b. Iowa nonoperator’s identification card number
   c. last four numerals of social security number
   The number provided must match an existing state or federal identification record with the same number, name and date of birth.

2) Upon providing identification documents as detailed above (current and valid photo ID along with residential lease, property tax statement, etc.). [NOTE: For elections in calendar year 2020,
acceptable forms of identification that have an expiration date of January 1, 2020 or later are considered current.]

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For questions, contact the Election Office at 319-833-3007 or election@co.black-hawk.ia.us.