

# Proof of Residence

## Wisconsin's New Voter Photo ID Law

### Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

<p><b>What has changed in the law?</b></p>	<p>As of June 2011, Wisconsin law no longer allows “corroborating witnesses” to provide proof of residence. Voters who are required to provide proof of residence <b>must</b> provide one of the documents listed below.</p>
<p><b>When must proof of residence be provided?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Voters must provide proof of residence if they are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) First-time registrants in Wisconsin, and they are registering by mail.</li> <li>2) Registering in the clerk’s office during the “Closed Registration” period less than 20 days before the election.</li> <li>3) Registering at the polls on Election Day.</li> </ol>
<p><b>What is acceptable proof of residence?</b></p>	<p><b>All proof of residence documents must include the voter’s current address.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A current and valid Wisconsin driver license or identification card.</li> <li>➤ Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.</li> <li>➤ Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.</li> <li>➤ A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.</li> <li>➤ A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) <b>ONLY</b> if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.</li> <li>➤ A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Electronic statements may be used only if printed.</li> <li>➤ Bank statement. Electronic statements may be used only if printed.</li> <li>➤ Paycheck.</li> <li>➤ A check or other document issued by a unit of government.</li> <li>➤ An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual’s residence for voting purposes.</li> <li>➤ Residential lease. (Not valid if registering by mail.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Will my Photo ID always count as proof of residence?</b></p>	<p>Most documents that qualify as photo identification will also qualify as proof of residence, if they contain the voter’s current address.</p> <p>However, only a <u>current and valid</u> (unexpired) driver license or state ID card with the voter’s current address qualifies as <b>proof of residence</b>. For <b>proof of identification</b>, you may use a driver license or state ID card that has expired since the date of the most recent November general election, whether or not it contains a current address. The same is true for passports, military ID cards, and tribal IDs.</p>

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.