

ID REQUIREMENTS

2016 VOTER GUIDE

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

For the 2016 general election, **you must present an identification (ID) with your name and photograph.** Approved forms of photo ID include, even if expired: *TN driver license, U.S. Passport, photo ID issued by Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, photo ID issued by the federal, or TN state government, military photo ID, TN handgun carry permit with photo.* **You are exempt from the photo ID requirement if you:** vote absentee by mail, vote in your nursing/assisted living facility, have a religious objection to being photographed, are indigent and cannot afford a photo ID.

LEARN MORE

Visit sos.tn.gov/elections for more information about voting in Tennessee. The NAACP and SCSJ are helping communities fight back against attacks on voting rights. Visit www.naacp.org and www.scsj.org to learn more.



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TENNESSEE

VOTER REGISTRATION

EARLY & ABSENTEE VOTING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

To vote in the upcoming election, make sure you are registered by **Tuesday, October 11, 2016**.

REQUIREMENTS

To register to vote in Tennessee, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen,
- a resident of Tennessee,
- at least 18 years old by the next general election.

If you are **convicted of a felony**, you may not vote while incarcerated, or parole/probation. If your conviction was after 1981 (except for some felonies such as murder, rape and treason) you may apply to the Board of Probation and Parole to have your voting rights restored once your sentence is completed. Visit sos.tn.gov/elections for details.

EARLY VOTING DATES

Early voting dates for the general election are **Wednesday, October 19 - Thursday, November 3, 2016**. Contact your local county board of elections by phone or visit them online for early voting locations.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Registered voters in Tennessee may request and mail in an absentee ballot only with an excuse. Visit sos.tn.gov/elections for a complete list of excuses. Some acceptable excuses include:

- Being age 60 or over,
- Being away from the county on Election Day,
- Students and spouses in school outside their county of residence,
- Members of the military,
- Illness and physical disability.

Absentee ballots must be **requested by Tuesday, November 1, 2016** (one week before Election Day), and must be **received by close of polls on Election Day**.