



Senate Bill 2: Frequently Asked Questions

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“Make It Easy to Vote & Hard to Cheat”

WHEN IS SB 2, THE LAW REQUIRING PHOTO ID TO VOTE, IN EFFECT?

SB 2 went into effect July 15, 2020, and is now Kentucky state law. A photo ID to vote will be required in the November 2020 General Election and all elections going forward.

HOW DOES SB 2 CHANGE VOTING?

While non-photo ID (or personal acquaintance with the poll worker) previously was required to vote, the ID presented will now need to include a photo of the voter to be valid as defined in KRS 117.375(12), as amended.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A VALID PHOTO ID TO VOTE?

“Proof of identification” is defined in KRS 117.375(12), as amended.

A valid ID to vote, is a document issued by:

- The United States or the Commonwealth of Kentucky;
- The United States Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed services, the Merchant Marines, or the Kentucky National Guard;
- A public or private college, university, or postgraduate technical or professional school located within the United States;
- Any city government, county government, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, or unified local government, which is located within this state,

If the document contains:

1. The **name** of the individual to whom the document was issued; and
2. A **photograph** of the individual to whom the document was issued.

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON EXAMPLES OF A VALID PHOTO ID?

The most common form of a valid photo ID is your **driver's license**. Other examples of acceptable ID (as long as they include your name and photo) are:

- Military ID
- College ID
- Kentucky government ID

A voter's identity still can be confirmed by personal acquaintance with an election official, but now the election official must sign an affirmation.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE OR CAN'T GET A PHOTO ID?

SB 2 provides a **free** state-issued ID card for individuals who are at least 18 and do not have a valid driver's license. In addition, voters who cannot obtain a photo ID can sign a "Reasonable Impediment Declaration" (stating reason for inability to obtain photo ID) and present one of the following non-photo IDs:

- Social Security Card;
- Any ID issued by a county in KY that's been approved by the State Board of Elections and shows voter's name);
- Any ID card with both the voter's photograph and name;
- Any food stamp ID card, electronic benefit transfer card, or supplemental nutrition assistance card issued by KY that shows voter's name; or
- A credit or debit card that shows voter's name.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN A FREE STATE-ISSUED ID CARD?

To obtain a **free** state-issued photo ID card, visit your local Circuit Clerk's office or one of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's regional offices. For a new ID, you must apply in-person and you're encouraged to make an appointment. A [Birth Certificate](#) and [Social Security card](#) (photocopies not accepted) and proof of residency are required in obtaining a new ID: <https://drive.ky.gov/driver-licensing/Pages/Drivers-License-and-ID-Card.aspx#identification-card-id->

Office of Circuit Court Clerk: You can make an appointment with your local circuit clerk by calling. You can find address and contact information for all 120 circuit court clerks [here](#). In addition, some circuit court clerks are providing an online scheduling tool where you can search by county [here](#).

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Regional Driver Licensing Offices: You can find their regional offices and schedule an appointment [here](#).