

U.S. Voter Verification Requirements by State

A statutory analysis of how voters are identified and verified at every stage of the process — from registration through the polling place. Categories are derived from state law, not third-party classification systems. Last researched April 2026.

Legend — ID at Polls (column 5)

Photo ID required — Voter must present a government-issued photo ID. No non-photo alternative for a regular ballot.

ID required — photo optional — Voter must present some form of ID, but a photo is not mandatory. Non-photo documents such as utility bills, bank statements, or voter registration cards may be accepted.

No ID required — No document required at the polls. Identity is verified through the voter roll lookup combined with signature capture or matching.

Note: The voter roll lookup (column 2) is **Yes for every state and DC**. This is the foundational safeguard — verifying your name against the official registered voter list — that has existed in every state long before modern voter ID laws. Yes/No values in green indicate the requirement exists; red indicates it does not.

Column 3 (ID at Registration) is the chronological first step — what you must provide when registering. Column 4 (Verification Beyond Roll) is what happens at the polling place check-in counter in addition to the roll lookup.

State	Roll Lookup	ID at Registration	Verification Beyond Roll	ID at Polls	Photo Req?	If No ID Presented	Prov. Ballot	ID Req. Effective	Source
Alabama	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot (2 officials may vouch in narrow cases)	Yes	2011 (photo)	sos.alabama.gov
Alaska	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo doc checked + name confirmed	ID required — photo optional	No	Official may waive if personally knows voter; else provisional	Yes	1980	elections.alaska.gov
Arizona	Yes	DL# or SSN4; citizenship doc for state form since 2004	Non-photo ID checked or photo ID scanned	ID required — photo optional	No	Provisional ballot — must return with ID or pass signature match	Yes	1970s	azcleaselections.gov
Arkansas	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot (care facility exemption)	Yes	2013	sos.arkansas.gov
California	Yes	DL# or SSN4; first-time mail voters show ID once at polls	Signature captured on e-poll book or paper roll	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature match is the primary method	Yes	None	sos.ca.gov
Colorado	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID checked or signature captured	ID required — photo optional	No	Affidavit on spot; ballot counts immediately (mail is default — no in-person ID needed for mail)	Yes	2003 (HAVA)	sos.state.co.us
Connecticut	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID checked + signature captured	ID required — photo optional	No	Affidavit of name/address/DOB on spot; ballot counts immediately	Yes	2003 (HAVA)	portal.ct.gov/SOTS
Delaware	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID checked + signature captured	ID required — photo optional	No	Affidavit of affirmation on spot; ballot counts immediately	No	2003 (HAVA)	elections.delaware.gov
Florida	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature verified against file	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — no affidavit alternative; signature must match file	Yes	1977	dos.myflorida.com
Georgia	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — must return same day with ID	Yes	2005 (impl. 2008)	sos.ga.gov
Hawaii	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method; all-mail available	Yes	None	elections.hawaii.gov
Idaho	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Affidavit on spot; ballot counts immediately — no follow-up required	No	2010	voteidaho.gov

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Illinois	Yes	DL# or SSN4; first-time mail voters show ID once at polls	Signature captured on e-poll book or paper poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method	Yes	None	elections.il.gov
Indiana	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — must return same day with ID or sign indigent/religious affidavit	Yes	2005 (impl. 2006)	in.gov/sos/elections
Iowa	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID checked + name confirmed	ID required — photo optional	No	Another registered voter may vouch + both sign oath; else provisional	Yes	2017	sos.iowa.gov
Kansas	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — no affidavit; exemptions for mail voters, military, religious objectors	Yes	2011	sos.ks.gov
Kentucky	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Poll worker who personally knows voter may sign attestation; else provisional	Yes	2020	elect.ky.gov
Louisiana	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Affidavit on spot (voter may be challenged; signature compared to file)	No	1977	sos.la.gov
Maine	Yes	DL# or SSN4; same-day registrants show proof of residence	Signature captured on paper poll book or e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed; same-day registrants must show proof of residence	No	None	maine.gov/sos
Maryland	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method	Yes	None	elections.maryland.gov
Massachusetts	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on paper poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed; inactive voters must show ID; name confirmation otherwise	Yes	None	sec.state.ma.us
Michigan	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID checked + signature captured (e-poll book in most counties)	Photo ID required	Yes	Affidavit on spot; ballot counts immediately — no follow-up required	Yes	1996 (non-photo); 2023 (photo requested)	michigan.gov/sos
Minnesota	Yes	DL# or SSN4; same-day registrants need proof of residence + voter vouch	Signature captured or registered voter vouches	No ID required	No	No fallback needed; same-day registrants need proof of residence and voter vouch	No	None	sos.state.mn.us
Mississippi	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book statute)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — religious objectors sign post-election affidavit; care facility exempt	Yes	2011 (impl. 2014)	sos.ms.gov
Missouri	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — must return same day with ID or signature must match file	Yes	~2003 (any ID); 2022 (photo only)	sos.mo.gov
Montana	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID checked + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Affidavit on spot; ballot counts immediately; election day registrants must show ID	Yes	2003 (any); 2021 (photo)	sosmt.gov
Nebraska	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — no affidavit alternative	Yes	2003 (any); 2022 (photo)	sos.nebraska.gov
Nevada	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on e-poll book; matched against file	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — signature match against registration is the primary method	Yes	None	nvsos.gov
New Hampshire	Yes	Proof of citizenship required since 2024 for new registrants	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — must return same day with ID	Yes	2012 (any); 2024 (strict photo)	sos.nh.gov
New Jersey	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on e-poll book (statewide rollout ongoing)	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method	Yes	None	nj.gov/state/elections
New Mexico	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method	Yes	None	sos.nm.gov

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New York	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature matched against paper poll book or e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — signature match is the primary method; post-election audit of affidavit ballots	Yes	None	elections.ny.gov
North Carolina	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll books all 100 counties for early voting)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — must return with ID; reasonable impediment affidavit in limited cases	Yes	2013 (struck down); 2023 (reinstated)	ncsbe.gov
North Dakota	Yes	No registration — ID at polls serves as voter roll entry point	Non-photo ID checked — ID is the registration credential; no separate roll	ID required — photo optional	No	Provisional ballot — no registration system; ID is the sole credential	Yes	1951 (no reg.); 2013 (strict ID)	sos.nd.gov
Ohio	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID or document checked + signature captured	ID required — photo optional	No	Provisional ballot — options incl. utility bills, bank statements, SSN4	Yes	2006	ohiosos.gov
Oklahoma	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID checked + name confirmed	ID required — photo optional	No	Poll worker attestation or affidavit on spot; ballot counts immediately	Yes	2010	ok.gov/elections
Oregon	Yes	DL# or SSN4; auto-registration via DMV since 2016	Signature matched on mail ballot envelope — all-mail state	No ID required	No	All-mail state — signature match on every ballot envelope is universal; in-person: signed declaration	No	None	oregonvotes.gov
Pennsylvania	Yes	DL# or SSN4; first-time voters show ID at polls once	Signature captured on paper poll book or e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method; first-time voters must show ID	Yes	None (2012 strict law struck down 2014)	vote.pa.gov
Rhode Island	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID checked + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — counts if roll match confirmed post-election	Yes	2014	sos.ri.gov
South Carolina	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Non-photo ID or photo ID checked + name confirmed	ID required — photo optional	No	Reasonable impediment affidavit on spot; ballot counts immediately	Yes	2013	scvotes.gov
South Dakota	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID checked + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — affidavit accepted in some cases	Yes	2003 (HAVA)	sdsos.gov
Tennessee	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — must return same day with ID; indigent/religious affidavit post-election	Yes	2011 (impl. 2012)	sos.tn.gov
Texas	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Reasonable impediment declaration on spot + sign poll book; ballot counts — no follow-up	Yes	1971	sos.texas.gov
Utah	Yes	DL# or SSN4; expanded requirements 2025	Non-photo ID or photo ID checked; signature captured on e-poll book	ID required — photo optional	No	Affidavit on spot; mail voting is default for most voters (no in-person ID for mail)	Yes	2003 (HAVA); expanded 2025	elections.utah.gov
Vermont	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Signature captured on paper checklist; affidavit of qualification signed	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature + affidavit of qualification is the primary method	No	None	sos.vermont.gov
Virginia	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — affidavit alternative eliminated in 2022; must return with ID	Yes	2013 (any); 2022 (strict photo)	vote.elections.virginia.gov
Washington	Yes	DL# or SSN4; auto-registration via DMV	Signature matched on mail ballot envelope — all-mail state	No ID required	No	All-mail state — signature match on every ballot envelope; in-person voting center: ID or signed declaration	No	None	sos.wa.gov
Washington DC	Yes	DL# or SSN4; first-time mail voters show ID once at polls	Signature captured on e-poll book	No ID required	No	No fallback needed — name + signature is the primary method; first-time mail voters show ID once	Yes	None	dcboe.org
West Virginia	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — strict since 2025; seniors 65+ may use ID valid at age 65	Yes	2016 (any); 2025 (strict photo)	sos.wv.gov
Wisconsin	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Photo ID scanned + signature captured (Badger Book e-poll book)	Photo ID required	Yes	Provisional ballot — no affidavit alternative since 2025 constitutional amendment	Yes	2011 (impl. 2016)	myvote.wi.gov

Sources: State Secretaries of State offices. Laws change — always verify before each election.

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Wyoming	Yes	DL# or SSN4 at registration	Name confirmed + signature captured	No ID required	No	2025 strict photo law enacted but facing legal challenge; currently provisional ballot in practice	Yes	2025 law — pending legal challenge	soswy.gov

Methodology & Sources

This table was built independently from statutory language and state Secretary of State guidance — not from Ballotpedia's strict/non-strict taxonomy, which classifies states based on what happens to voters who arrive without ID, rather than what the law actually requires. That distinction matters: a state can require photo ID (which is what the law says) while still technically being classified 'non-strict' because a provisional ballot fallback exists. This table uses the plain language of what each law requires.

Sources consulted: State Secretary of State offices (primary), Ballotpedia state-level voter ID pages (which cite SoS directly), VoteRiders, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Brennan Center for Justice, National Conference of State Legislatures, Missouri Independent, and Democracy Docket for Missouri-specific legal history. The voter roll lookup column reflects a universal practice codified in every state's election code; the date this practice began in most states predates modern records (largely 1860s–1920s) and is therefore documented as a universal 'Yes' rather than by year.

Laws change frequently. Always verify your state's current requirements at your Secretary of State's website before an election.