



Welcome to Travis County Elections Acceptance and Handling of Voter Identification

November 5, 2013

Joint General and Special Elections



Training Mandate

- Texas Secretary of State has mandated a training for the Acceptance and Handling of Voter Identification
 - All Early Voting and Election Day Workers must attend
 - Election Day Clerks will take the training online




Notice of Approved Forms of ID

This new posting must be placed near the entrance to the polling place so it is visible to voters as they enter.

Photo ID required for Texas Voters

You must now present one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person:


- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing your photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the your photograph
- United States passport



With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Exemptions- Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a **permanent exemption**. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.

Voters who have a consistent **religious objection** to being photographed and voters who do not have any valid form of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for your ballot to be counted. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.





Approved Forms of ID

- Texas Driver's License
- Texas Personal Identification Card
- Texas Election Identification Certificate
- Texas Concealed Handgun License
- U.S. Military Identification card containing a photograph
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing a photograph
- U.S. Passport



Texas Driver's License

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired



Look at the expiration date and verify



Texas Personal Identification Card

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired



Look at the expiration date and verify

When issued to a person 60 or older, no expiration



Election Identification Certificate

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired



Look at the expiration date and verify

When issued to a person 70 or older, no expiration



Texas Concealed Handgun License

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired



Look at the expiration date and verify



U.S. Military Identification Card

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired



Look at the expiration date and verify

There are different types of Military Identification Cards



U.S. Military Identification Cards

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired




Some Military IDs do not expire (INDEF)



U.S. Citizenship Certificate

U.S. Citizenship Certificates do not expire

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF  **HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**


No. XXXXXX

U.S.C.S. Registration No. A000000000

Personal description of holder as of date of issuance of this certificate: Sex **MALE** *;* *Date of birth* **NOVEMBER 10, 1979** *;*
Height **5 feet 10 inches** *;* *Marital status* **SINGLE** *;* *Country of birth* **CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me

SAMPLE
(Complete in Full Name of holder)



Mr. Gray

As it known that
JOHN JOSHUA GRAY
now residing at **WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
having applied to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for a certificate of citizenship pursuant to Section 311 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, having proved to the satisfaction of the Director that (s)he is now a citizen of the United States of America, became a citizen thereof on **FEBRUARY 2, 2002**
and is now in the United States.

Now Therefore, in pursuance of the authority contained in Section 311 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, this certificate of citizenship is issued this **20th** *day of* **OCTOBER**
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN *and the seal of the Department of Homeland Security affixed pursuant to statute.*

SAMPLE
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY



U.S. Certificate of Naturalization

U.S. Certificates of Naturalization do not expire

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
	
No. 50000000	
CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION	
<i>Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization:</i> Date of birth: JANUARY 99, 0000 Sex: MALE Height: 5 feet 9 inches Marital status: MARRIED Country of former nationality: FORMER NATIONALITY COUNTRY	USCIS Registration No. A999999999999999 <i>I certify that the description given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.</i> New Citizen Signature Here <small>(Complete and true signature of holder)</small> <i>Be it known that, pursuant to an application filed with the Secretary of Homeland Security</i> at: USCIS FIELD OFFICE CITY NAME, STATE NAME <i>The Secretary having found that:</i> NEW CITIZEN NAME - EPSON B-510DN - NEW ASC PHOTO <i>residing at:</i> Mytown, State <i>having complied in all respects with all of the applicable provisions of the naturalization laws of the United States, being entitled to be admitted as a citizen of the United States, and having taken the oath of allegiance at a ceremony conducted by</i> U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES at: CEREMONY CITY, STATE on: JULY 99, 0000 <i>such person is admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.</i> ** TEST CERTIFICATE ** <small>U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</small>
	
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	



U.S. Passport Card

Must be current or no more than 60 days expired



Good for travel in North America only



Voter has NO Approved ID

- Offer him a choice:
 - Return home and get an approved form of ID
 - Go renew your expired ID
 - Temporary forms are valid
 - Vote a Provisional Ballot
- Never turn a voter away, but explain the options



Voter Casts Provisional Ballot

- Explain the process for curing an ID deficiency
- Use the Notice to Provisional Voter
 - Contains a list of Approved Forms of ID
 - Explains the process for curing an ID deficiency at the Voter Registrar's Office
 - Explains Exemptions for which voters can apply
 - Contains a map to the Voter Registrar's Office
 - Contains a QR Code that, when scanned, takes voter's to the Tax Office Website



What does “Cure” mean?

- Cure = opportunity to fix the problem
- Curing makes your Provisional Vote count
- If you lacked an approved form of ID at the time the ballot was cast, you can remedy to problem
 - If you had no ID, you can get one
 - If you had an expired ID, you can renew
 - You can file for an exemption



When & Where to Cure

- Can be cured anytime after the ballot is cast
 - Starting on the first day of Early Voting up to 6 days after Election Day
 - Must cure in person at the Voter Registrar's Office
 - On regular business days
 - During normal business hours



Cure Period Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26
Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2
Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9
Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12				

VR Office Open



VR Office Closed



VR Office Closed on Veterans Day Monday, November 11th
Cure period extends one more day for this election



How can Voter Cure?

- Obtain an approved form of ID
 - A temporary version of a Driver's License, Personal ID Card or any other approved form of ID is acceptable if it has a photo
- Renew an expired ID
- File for an Exemption
 - Permanent Exemptions
 - Temporary Exemptions



Permanent Exemptions

- Voter must apply for a permanent exemption
- Eligibility
 - A person with a documented disability from the Social Security Administration
 - A person with at least a 50% disability rating from the Veterans Administration



Permanent Exemptions

- Once the application and supporting documentation is received
 - Voter Registrar issues a Voter Registration Certificate indicating the voter is exempt from the photo ID requirement
 - Voter must show this certificate to be exempt from the photo ID requirement



Permanent Exemptions

NELDA WELLS SPEARS 512-854-9473
 TRAVIS COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR
 PO BOX 149327, AUSTIN, TX 78714-9327
 5501 AIRPORT BLVD., AUSTIN, TX 78751
 www.traviscountytax.org

Secretary of State's Office
 Elections Division
 1-800-252-VOTE (8683)
 www.sos.state.tx.us

PRESORTED
 FIRST-CLASS MAIL
 U. S. POSTAGE PAID
 TRAVIS COUNTY

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (Certificado de Registro Electoral) TRAVIS COUNTY (Condado de Travis)			U.S. REP.	ST. SENATE	ST. REP.	COMM.
VUID (VUID)	Gender (Sexo)	Valid from (Valido desde)	25	14	48	2
1130976557 (E)	M	01/01/12	J.P./CN.	SCHOOL	SCHOOL SMD	CITY
Year of Birth (Año de Nacimiento)	Pct. No. (Num. Pcto.)	thru (hasta)	5	AISD	4	AUSFP
1959	213	12/31/2013	Name and Mailing Address (Nombre y dirección de correo)			
Name and Perm. Res. Address (Nombre y dirección residencial permanente)						
MISTER 04/26/12 06:45P X 498 UNNAMED 15 ST AUSTIN, TX 78731			MISTER 04/26/12 06:45P X 498 UNNAMED 15 ST AUSTIN, TX 78731			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VOTER MUST PERSONALLY SIGN HIS/HER NAME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, IF ABLE. (El votante debe firmar esta tarjeta personalmente al punto de recibirla, si puede.)			Voted in the Party Primary (Voto en la elección primaria del partido político nombrado arriba)			



Temporary Exemptions

- Religious Objection to being photographed
 - Must file for the exemption every election
- Lack of an approved ID due to a natural disaster
 - Declared by the President of the United States or Texas Governor
 - Declared no earlier than 45 days from date ballot was cast



Exemptions Cure the ballot

- Provisional Ballot is cured (for lack of ID) when the voter files for and is granted an exemption
 - Requires an affidavit
 - Can't be completed or turned in at the polls
 - Voter must visit the Voter Registrar's Office in person



Other Voter ID Requirements

- New Voter ID Law says:
 - Voter's name on his ID must exactly match the name on the Official List of Registered Voters or be Substantially Similar
- If voter's name is similar, he initials an affidavit column on the Combo Form
- Voter gets a regular ballot
- Offer a name change form, if desired
- This process is easy



Substantially Similar Names

The name is considered to be substantially similar if:

- Name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields in EZVIP
- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
 - Bill for William, Betty for Elizabeth



Substantially Similar Names, contd.

- Name on the ID contains an initial, middle or former name that is not in EZVIP
- A first name, middle name or former name occupies a different field on the ID than it does in EZVIP



Consider Totality of Circumstances

- Always consider the totality of all circumstances together
- Consider all the information available
 - Photograph
 - Date of Birth
 - Address



Photographs

- Using the photo is a tool to assist in determining similar names
- Name must still adhere to the Substantially Similar Name Standards
- Not to be used to disenfranchise anyone or force a Provisional vote
 - People get haircuts, lose weight, gain weight, age, change gender, change hair color, grow/shave a beard, etc.
 - Picture is good for 12 years



Date of Birth

- Good indicator that the voter is the same person even though the name is not an exact match
 - Birth Dates don't change
 - Name must still adhere to the Substantially Similar Name Standards
 - When names don't match at all, date of birth can't be the sole determining factor



Address

- Address on the ID matches EZVIP
 - Good indicator voter is the same person
 - Name must still adhere to the Substantially Similar Name Standards
 - When names don't match, address can't be the only determining factor



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields in EZVIP

Dorris Miller-----Doris Miller

Nanci Griffith-----Nancy Griffith

Harlen Block-----Harlon Block



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields in EZVIP

Doris Miller-----Doris Milner

Nancy Griffith-----Nancy Griffin

Harlen Block-----Harlen Blick



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
 - Well known variations

Betty Rubble-----Elizabeth Rubble

Fred Flintstone-----Frederick Flintstone

Bill-----William

Marge-----Marjorie



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name
 - Lesser known variations

Hope-----Esperanza

Beto-----Alberto

Chuy-----Jesus

Bubba-----Just about any name 😊



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name

English vs. Spanish vs. French
(or other language spellings)

John-----Juan-----Jean

Joseph-----Jose-----Josef



Let's Practice!

- Name on the ID or in EZVIP is a customary variation of a formal name

Maria Graciela Gerbermann--Gracie Gerbermann

Maria Isolda Ortega--Marisol Ortega

Maria Jose Gonzalez--Jose Gonzalez



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID contains an initial, middle or former name that is not in EZVIP
 - Audie Murphy-----Audie L. Murphy
 - Earl Campbell-----Earl C. Campbell
 - Willie Hugh Nelson-----Willie Nelson
 - Beyonce Knowles-----Beyonce Knowles-Carter



Let's practice!

- Name on the ID contains an initial, middle or former name that is not in EZVIP
- Maiden Names, Hyphenated Names, Former Names

Wolf Sittler-----Wolf Sittler-Bell

Charlotte Bell-----Charlotte Bell-Sittler



Let's practice!

- A first name, middle name or former name occupies a different field on the ID than it does in EZVIP
- A. Martin Burton-----Martin A. Burton
- Steven Robert Hoffman--Robert Steven Hoffman
- Jeanne Mae Fox--Jeanne Fox Buck
- Daniel Craig Mason—Craig Daniel Mason



Processing a similar name voter

- Laptop Operator will handwrite a capital “A” on the voter’s large label
 - To communicate to the Combo Form worker that affidavit columns must be completed

213A

1130976557

X, MISTER

A



If Name is Similar

Section 63.002 - If a voter is unable to sign his name, an election official shall place the voter's name on the signature roster and make a notation as to the reason the voter is unable to sign. (Si algún votante no puede firmar su nombre, un oficial electoral apuntará el nombre del votante en el registro de firmas y hará una anotación indicando la causa por la cual el votante no pudo firmar.)

COMBINATION FORM Poll List/Signature Roster, (Affidavits) for Early Voting

Approved by Secretary of State 08/2013
 Sections: 63.001, 63.0011, 63.002, 63.003, 63.004, 63.006, 63.009,
 63.010, 63.0101, 63.011, 64.032, 81.002, 85.031, and 162.004
 Texas Election Code

Authority conducting election: _____ Page _____ of _____

Location (Sitio)	Shift (Turno)	Date of Election (Fecha de elección)	Type of Election (Tipo de elección)	(Check one if Applicable)			Poll List (Lista de Votantes)
				Not on List 63.006	Provisional 63.011	Similar Name 63.001 (C)	
SIGNATURE (Firma)		✓	VOTER ASSISTANT (Persona Ayudándole al Votante)		PLACE LABEL IN THIS COLUMN		
			Name (Nombre)	Address (Dirección)			
01		10					10
6		9					9
8	Mister X	8			✓	Mister X 202A 149 Unnamed Road	8

Ask voter to sign the Combo Form and initial the column

Combo Form Worker checks the Similar Name Affidavit Column

Place label on Combo Form



Similar Name Correction Request Form

- If voter wants his name in EZVIP to exactly match his approved form of ID
 - Offer a Similar Name Correction Request Form
 - If voter wishes to complete it, use the reprint button to generate a second label from the printer to affix to the form
 - Ask the voter to complete and return the form after he votes



Similar Name Correction Request Form

AW 13-8c
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 63.001(c), Texas Election Code
08/2013

VOTER'S SIMILAR NAME CORRECTION REQUEST FORM
(Forma para Solicitar Corrección del Nombre del Votante)

The name on my voter registration record and the name on my photo ID are not identical.
(El nombre en mi registro de votante y el nombre en mi identificación con foto no son idénticos.)

Please update my current voter registration record from:
(Por favor actualicé mis datos del registro de votante con)

PLACE VOTER LABEL HERE or WRITE NAME & VUID

To the following, which is shown on my photo identification:
(Lo siguiente, igual como aparece en mi identificación de foto)

First Name: _____ <i>(Nombre)</i>	Middle Name or Initial: _____ <i>(Segundo nombre o Inicial)</i>
Last Name: _____ <i>(Apellido)</i>	Suffix, if any: _____ <i>(Sufijo)</i>
Signature: _____ <i>(Firma)</i>	Date: _____ <i>(Fecha)</i>

RETURN IN ENVELOPE No. 4



Name Corrections

- The Voter Registrar will make corrections
- Voter's registration record will match for the next election
- Voter won't have to initial column on the Combo Form again



What if Names are NOT Similar?

- If voter's name and other information don't yield a match
 - Ask the voter if he has an ID that is similar to EZVIP
 - If not, offer the voter a Provisional Ballot
 - Explain the cure period detailed on the Notice to Provisional Voter
 - Follow all the procedures in the manual for processing a Provisional Voter



Voter Outreach

- Campaigns to notify voters
 - KeepCalmVoteOn.com
 - VoteTexas.gov
 - Voter Registration Certificates have voter ID information on the back