

The NC Voter-ID

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By now most North Carolina residents have received a postcard from the NC State Board of Elections concerning how to get a “free photo ID” or “free state ID.”

While the Board’s heart and minds may be in the right place, they have failed in really securing this part of the NC voting system and process

The postcard provides three simple steps for someone living in North Carolina to get a voter ID card from their County Board of Elections

- 1. Visit your county board of elections**

All county boards of elections can issue free voter photo IDs to register voters in their county anytime during regular business hours.

- 2. Provide your information**

To be issued an ID, provide your name, date of birth, and last four digits of your Social Security number. Then, you’ll get your photo taken. No special documents are needed.

- 3. Get you ID**

The ID is typically given to you on the spot. If not, it can be mailed or scheduled for pickup. It will include your photo, name, and voter registration number.

The postcard does not mention any steps on how to obtain a free state ID from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles. Unlike the requirements for a board of elections ID, a State ID requires:

- One document verifying age and identity
- A Social Security card or one document proving they have a Social Security number
- For U.S. citizens, one document proving residency
- For non-U.S. citizens, one document issued by the U.S. government indicating legal presence

For the NC Real ID card, the applicant will need:

- One document (with full name and full Social Security Number) confirming Social Security number
- Two documents (with current physical address) proving North Carolina residency
- If applicable, one or more documents verifying any name change
- One document (with full name) proving identity and date of birth

Both state ID cards require specific PROOF of eligibility in order to vote. It is much easier to obtain a voter ID card from a Board of Elections than it is from the state. In either case a card issued between the end of early voting through the end of Election Day cannot be used.

Since the requirements have specifics no special documents are required for Board of Elections Voter ID card. Thus the system/process is insecure.

Some important quotes on voting:

"The first duty of a man is to think for himself."

Jose Marti

"The most important office, and the one which all of us can and should fill, is that of private citizen."

Louis Brandeis

"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country, and this world."

Sharon Salzberg

"People shouldn't be afraid of their government. Governments should be afraid of their people."

Alan Moore

"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

Thomas Jefferson

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

"If we don't vote, we are ignoring history and giving away the future."

Pat Michell

"Not voting is not a protest. It is a surrender."

Keith Ellison

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

Plato