



Van Buren Charter Township

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New election law changes take effect

ID Required for In-Person Voter Registration and AV Ballot Issuance

PA 523 of 2012 took effect **March 28, 2013** and includes several election law changes. Of particular importance is the new requirement for voters to present identification or sign the *Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification* form when registering to vote or obtaining an absentee ballot in person.

Acceptable forms of identification are listed below (MCL 168.523 for voter identification requirement.):

Voters with picture ID: Voters can satisfy the ID requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the following forms of current picture ID:

- Driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo ID
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo

Voters without picture ID: Michigan election law anticipates that **not** all those registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot will have picture ID. Those who **do not** have acceptable picture ID or forgot to bring acceptable picture ID can register to vote or obtain an absentee ballot by signing an *Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification*.

The law also now requires that Absentee Voter Ballots from voters that obtain ballots in person and sign the *Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification* form must be processed as a challenged ballot on Election Day.

Questions regarding the voter identification requirement can be directed to the Van Buren Township Clerk's office 734.699.8909 or at the State of Michigan website at: www.michigan.gov/vote.

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