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Photo ID – What U.S. House District 1 Voters Need to Know

CORRECTION: A previous release issued on April 30 stated, “County election commissions will certify the U.S. House District 1 Primary on Thursday, March 21.” The release should have included the certification date for the Special Election. See correction underlined below.

COLUMBIA, SC (May 6, 2013) – Voters need to be aware of new rules for providing photo ID at the polls in the May 7 U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Special Election. Under the new rules that took effect on January 1, 2013, all voters are asked to provide one of the following types of Photo ID at the polling place:

- S.C. Driver’s License
- S.C. DMV Identification Card
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with a Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

Voters who already have one of the IDs above are ready to vote. They need to be sure to bring their ID with them to their polling place.

Voters who forget to bring their ID with them to vote may vote a provisional ballot that will count only if they show their Photo ID to the county election commission prior to certification of the election. County election commissions will certify the U.S. House District 1 Special Election on Friday, May 10. Check locally for specific meeting times.

Voters who don’t have a Photo ID can make their voting experience as fast and easy as possible by getting one before voting. Voters can get a free Photo ID from their county voter registration office by providing their name, date of birth, and last four digits of their social security number.

Voters who have some obstacle to getting a Photo ID must bring their non-photo voter registration card (old card without photo) with them to the polls. They will be allowed to vote after signing an affidavit stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining photo ID. The reasonable impediment could be a religious objection to being photographed, a disability or illness, work schedule, lack of transportation, family responsibilities or any other obstacle the voter finds reasonable.

[For more information about S.C.’s Photo ID requirements, visit scVOTES.org.](http://scVOTES.org)

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