



2018 VOTING LAW CHANGES

Preparation is the key

Voter Registration

There were no changes to the voter registration process. Voters can still register online (with an Iowa Driver's License/Non-Operator ID), at the Department of Transportation, in our office or by mail.

Polling Place Changes

All voters will be asked for identification at their polling place.

Identification is defined as an Iowa Driver's License or Non-operator ID, US passport (card or book), US Military ID, Veterans ID or the Iowa Voter Identification Card (this must be signed). Your identification cannot be expired, with the exception of your Iowa Driver's License/Non-Operator ID which cannot be expired by more than 90 days.

Voters changing precincts and pending voters must also prove residence if ID does not have current address.

Proof of residence can be a residential lease, utility bill (including a cell phone bill), bank statement, paycheck, government document or property tax statement. These documents must be within 45 days of issuance.

If a voter is pre-registered in the election register and forgets their identification, they can sign an oath in 2018 and vote. This is eliminated after 2018.

Attester for Voting

Voters without the proper identification (and proof of residence, if needed) may have an attester state who they are and be allowed to vote on the machine. An attester must live in the same precinct and show ID but does not have to prove residency and can attest for two pre-registered voters and one Election Day Registrant.

Voter ID Card vs Voter Acknowledgement Card

Voters without an Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID will be issued voter ID cards, which can be used for identification at the polls.

The voter acknowledgement card cannot be used as identification at the polls and is provided to voters with an Iowa Driver's License number.

Voter ID Card

- Only for voters that do not have an Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID
- Card must be signed
- Confidential PIN number to request absentee ballot.

Iowa Voter Identification Card
 Signature (Must be signed by the voter)

General Polling Place:
 4000 COMMUNITY CENTER
 100 S 10TH ST
 ADAMS, IA 50003

School Polling Place:
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U.S. Congressional Dist.: 3

State and Local District Information:

Precinct	Senate Dist.	House Dist.
ENGL	022	022
Senatorial	City/Town	City Ward
1	001	
Ballot Dist.	Ballot Dist.	Challenge Dist.
0028		AC7-03

Voter ID PIN: 1105

Thank you for registering to vote. Please cut out, sign and securely retain the Iowa Voter Identification Card printed above.

Returning to our records, you currently do not have an Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID. The Voter Identification Card printed above will be required to check in at your polling place on Election Day if you don't have one of the other forms of Identification listed below:

Valid at the Polls:
 On Election Day you will be required to present current identification. Acceptable forms of identification are listed below, and must not be expired:

- Iowa Driver's License
- Iowa Non-Operator ID
- United States Passport
- United States Military or Veterans ID
- Iowa Voter Identification Card (printed above)

Absentee Voting:
 If you request an absentee ballot for any reason, you will be required to provide an identifying number on your absentee request. Acceptable identifying numbers are:

- Iowa Driver's License
- Iowa Non-Operator ID
- Voter Identification PIN (found on the Iowa Identification Card printed above)

Voter Acknowledgment Card

- Cannot be used to vote at the polling place
- Voters with an Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID get these cards

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- Iowa Driver's License
- Iowa Non-Operator ID

Identification Verification is required at all elections. Take your Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID with you to the polls on Election Day.

Election Day Registration/Same Day Registration Proof of Identity

Must include a photo and a current and valid expiration date

- Iowa Driver's License or Non-operator's ID (not expired)
- Out of state Driver's License or Non-operator's ID (not expired)
- U.S. Passport – card or book (not expired)
- U.S. Military ID or Veteran's ID (not expired or no expiration date)
- ID card issued by employer (not expired, must have expiration date)
- Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college (not expired, must have expiration date)

A voter must also provide proof of residence, if proof of identity does not contain the voter's current address.

Provisional Ballots

Voters that have requested an absentee ballot (that has not been returned), changed precincts, don't have the acceptable ID/Proof of residency, or are registering and voting on election day will be issued a provisional ballot.

A provisional ballot is a ballot that is placed in an envelope, as opposed to the machine, and counted after election day as long as all of the criteria for voting is met. Provisional ballots are ran through the felon database to ensure that the voter is not a felon without restored rights.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballot requests are now required to include a Voter Verification Number (Iowa DL/Non DL or Voter ID PIN) along with the other required information with an asterisk on the form. The political parties/candidates cannot be given the verification numbers information.

If a request contains insufficient information, our staff will contact the voter directly for missing information on an absentee ballot application. Verified by asking security questions.

Absentee Timelines

Absentee requests cannot be accepted more than 120 days before election. If a request is sent before the 120 days, the auditor must send it back to the voter.

Early voting begins 29 days before election. This is also the first day that ballots can be mailed.

Other Notable Changes

Straight party voting is eliminated

City and School Elections are combined beginning in 2019

Voter registration cancellation for answering "no" on Jury duty form

Primary Election Key Dates

February 5 – First day to request absentee for primary

May 7 – First day of early voting in office + ballots mailed to voters that have requested

May 25 – Last day ballots can be mailed, Voter Pre-Registration deadline

June 4 – Last day to vote in person in office + last day to fix incomplete affidavits

June 5 – Election Day

General Election Key Dates

July 9 – First day to request absentee for General Election

October 7 – First day of early voting in office + ballots mailed to voters that have requested

October 27 – Last day ballots can be mailed, Voter Pre-Registration deadline

November 5 – Last day to vote in person in office + last day to fix incomplete affidavits

November 6 – Election Day

Sample Absentee Ballot Request

STATE OF IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
*Indicates required information		
YOUR NAME* AND DATE OF BIRTH*	Last _____ Suffix _____ First _____ Middle _____ Date of Birth (month, day, year) ____/____/____	
ID NUMBER* Complete one	Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID Number: _____ OR Four-digit Voter PIN (can be found on Voter Identification Card): _____ <small>Voters without an Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID number are mailed an Iowa Voter Identification Card at the time of registration.</small>	ID Number is required. An absentee ballot cannot be issued until ID Number is provided.
YOUR IOWA RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS*	Home Street Address (include apt, lot, etc. if applicable) _____ City _____ Zip _____ County _____ <small>You must be registered to vote in the county to receive an absentee ballot. If you are registered to vote in the county, this form will be used to update your voter registration if the information provided on this form is different than the information on your registration record.</small>	
WHERE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT SHOULD BE MAILED If different than above	Mailing Address/P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country (other than USA) _____	
CONTACT INFO Important	Phone _____ Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not add this contact info to my voter record
ELECTION DATE OR TYPE*	Election ____/____/____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Special: _____	
PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY	Check one political party <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Republican	
REQUESTER AFFIDAVIT*	<i>I swear or affirm that I am the person named above and I am a registered voter or I am entitled to register at the address listed on this form. I am eligible to receive and vote an absentee ballot for the election indicated above.</i>	
Powers of attorney do not have legal authority to request an absentee ballot on behalf of another.	Signature: X _____	Date _____

Ensuring request is filled out properly

- All items marked with an asterisk (*) and yellow highlighted **MUST** be filled out
- Prior to 2018, the most overlooked item on the form was the signature line