

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: The following forms of identification may be used to register to vote in Montana pursuant to 13-2-110, MCA, and 44.3.2002, ARM:

- a Montana driver's license number or state identification card number; or
- the last four digits of a person's social security number.

In lieu of those, one of the following may be used:

- a current and valid photo ID with the individual's name;
 - includes school district, postsecondary education, and tribal ID
- utility bill;
- bank statement;
- paycheck;
- government check; or
- other government document with the individual's name and address.

To vote in person, any of the above methods of identification may be used or an elector may provide a copy of the elector's voter registration confirmation notice (13-13-114, MCA).

Identification is presumed to be current and valid unless proved otherwise. A driver's license or ID card is presumed to be current and valid if it is issued by any motor vehicle agency, regardless of its status. Any other photo ID is sufficient if it includes the name and photo of the individual (44.3.2002, ARM).

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Legislative Services Division Materials:

[Voting Basics](#), November 2019

Other Materials:

[Voter Identification Requirements – Voter ID Laws](#) -- National Conference of State Legislatures

Introduced Legislation

2019

Senate Bill No. 366 -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REFERRING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN ACT REVISING LAWS ON VOTER IDENTIFICATION; REQUIRING CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS BE PRESENTED WHEN VOTING AT A POLLING PLACE, RECEIVING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON, OR RETURNING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON; PROVIDING FOR A FREE MONTANA IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-13-114, 13-13-222, 13-35-704, AND 61-12-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2017

[House Bill No. 357](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT STRENGTHENING LAWS RELATED TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION; REQUIRING AN INDIVIDUAL TO SHOW A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING AT A POLL OR APPLYING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CREATE OR REVISE CERTAIN VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS; ELIMINATING THE FEE FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-210, 13-13-114, 13-13-201, 13-13-212, 13-13-602, 13-15-107, AND 61-12-504, MCA.

2015

None

2013

[House Bill No. 108](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING REGISTRATION AND PROOF OF IDENTITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING; REQUIRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; ELIMINATING THE FEE FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-111, 13-2-110, 13-2-115, 13-2-116, 13-2-514, 13-13-114, 13-13-201, 13-13-301, 13-13-602, AND 61-12-504, MCA.

2011

[House Bill No. 152](#) -- (H) Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT REVISING PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND PROOF OF IDENTITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-110, 13-13-114, 13-13-201, AND 13-13-602, MCA.

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2009

[House Bill No. 99](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT REVISING PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-110 AND 13-13-114, MCA.

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