

2016 Election Officials' Manual

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Replacement for Section 3C – Voter Identification and Pollbooks

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Voters Obtaining Ballots (Quick Definition) Individuals may receive, vote, and cast their ballots for an election by showing an approved form of identification with residential address and date of birth to the poll clerks.

Voters Obtaining Ballots (Expanded Definitions)

1. **Voter Identification:** When a voter appears at the polling location, state law requires the poll clerk to ask the voter to provide identification to verify eligibility.
 - a. **Residential Address:** An acceptable form of identification must include the voter's name, residential address (a PO Box number is not acceptable), and date of birth.
 - b. **Acceptable forms of identification at the polls include a valid North Dakota:**
 - Current driver's license or non-driver's identification card.
 - Tribal government issued identification card.
 - Long-term care certificate (provided by ND facility).
 - c. **Voters without ID:** Voters who are unable to obtain one of the acceptable forms of ID listed above may execute a Voter's Affidavit in the presence of an election worker. Copies of this form are included in the polling place materials. In order for the form to be accepted, it must be complete, signed by the voter in the presence of an election worker, and signed by the election worker. An election worker shall provide a Voter's Affidavit Information sheet to all individuals who execute a Voter's Affidavit.

All executed Voter's Affidavits must be returned to the county auditor at the end of Election Day. Subsequent to the election, the county shall send a notice to each voter who executes a Voter's Affidavit, to which the voter's response is requested.

- d. **Intent of ID Requirement:** The purpose for this requirement is not to deter people from voting, but to ensure that the voter is:
 1. Old enough to vote,
 2. A U.S. citizen, **and**
 3. A resident of the precinct in which he or she desires to vote.

Qualified electors have the right to know that the votes are being cast by only those voters qualified to do so.

- e. **Directing Individuals to Correct Precincts:** The county auditor shall provide each election board with a precinct map or precinct finder to assist in determining whether an address is located in that precinct and for determining which precinct and polling location to direct an individual who may be attempting to vote in the wrong precinct. ([NDCC § 16.1-05-08](#)) Poll clerks are authorized to direct an individual to his or her correct polling place if the individual's current identification proves that he or she is in the wrong polling place.