

NEW Municipal Election Law Updates
Training, Photo ID & Candidate Filing

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Training & Certification

- S.C. Code of Laws §5-15-90
- Commissioners & “staff”
- Must complete certification program within 18 months of appointment
- 3 classes required: scVOTES.org
 - Duties of MEC (online) **NEW**
 - Poll Manager Training (online)
 - Conducting Protests Hearings (in person)

Training & Certification

- Clerk should email for usernames & passwords. Send email to elections@elections.sc.gov
- Protest Hearings classes announced through MASC weekly email blast
- MEC Resources at scVOTES.org, under “General” in menu

Photo ID Requirements - New for 2013
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As of January 1, 2013, you will be asked to show one of the following Photo IDs at your polling place:

- South Carolina Driver's License
- South Carolina ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- South Carolina Voter Registration Card with Photo
- U.S. Military ID
- U.S. Passport

State House of Representatives District 93 Special Election
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October 29, 2013 - Calhoun, Lexington, & Orangeburg Counties

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Candidate	Calhoun	Lexington	Orangeburg	Total	Percent
Charles Charlie Stoudermeire, Republican	563	158	213	944	33.7%
Russell L. Ott, Democratic WINNER	1,214	155	486	1,859	66.3%

Municipal Election Handbook (click here)
The Municipal Election Handbook is provided courtesy of the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC). For bound copies, contact the MASC (masc.org).

Municipal Election Commission Training & Certification
The State Election Commission (SEC) provides training to municipal clerks and election commissioners as required under S.C. Code of Laws §5-15-90. Certification is granted upon the completion of three courses:

- Duties of the Municipal Election Commission (online)
- Online Poll Manager Training (online)
- Protest Hearings (in person)

To sign up for online classes: Clerks should contact the SEC to be provided with a user name and password for all participants in the municipality. There is no charge for online courses.

To sign up for in-person Protest Hearings classes: Download the registration form below, complete the form, and return it to the SEC by email, fax, or mail. The course fee is \$25. Advance payment is appreciated.

The SEC will announce upcoming Protest Hearings Classes through the Municipal Association's weekly email blast. The clerk may also contact the State Election Commission directly.

State Election Commission
P.O. Box, 5987
Columbia, SC 29250
elections@elections.sc.gov
Fax: (803) 734-9300

Locations: In-person classes are usually held in Columbia at the State Election Commission's office.

Class capacity: Class size is determined by the class instructor and size of the training facility. If classes are full, additional enrollees will be placed on a waiting list and notified when space is available.

Minimum class size is 10 participants. If a class does not meet the minimum requirements two weeks prior to its scheduled date, the class will be canceled. All enrollees will be notified by phone or email.

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Photo ID

- Since January 1, 2013, voters must provide one Photo ID to vote in person:
 - S.C. Driver's License
 - S.C. ID Card issued by DMV
 - S.C. Voter Registration Card **with photo**
 - Military ID issued by the Federal Government, including VA Benefits Card
 - U.S. Passport

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If voter has qualifying Photo ID

- They are ready to vote
- They do not need to obtain a voter registration card with a photo
- They should remember to bring one of the photo IDs to their polling place
- Also applies to in-person absentee voting

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If voter does not have qualifying Photo ID

- Should get one before going to the polls to vote
- DMV IDs are now free
- Photo VR Cards are free from county voter registration office
 - Usually another form of ID
 - “Verbal” ID required
 - Name, DOB, Last four digits of SSN

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Paper VR Card with Photo

You are now registered to vote in the state of South Carolina. Your official confirmation of registration is attached. On vote or non-voting day, you must present one of the following types of photo identification:

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Identity ID
- U.S. Passport

STATE OF S.C. VOTER REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION
 COUNTY: Aiken
 PRECINCT: Canton 016 (P)
 REG. NO.: 02406078 REG. DATE: 01/20/10
 District: Yorkville 5
 1016 Third Ave
 North, Aiken, SC 29841

Group	Male	Female	County	City/Town	School
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Signature of Elector: [Signature]
 SEX: Female RACE: 3844-AA BORN: 05/19/78

VOTE #3:
 Address: Legare Post 332
 6918 Broadview Drive

COUNTY / STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL

This card along with the attached notification may be used as a VOTER REGISTRATION CARD with PHOTO. To use as a photo ID, DO NOT DETACH STUB.



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Plastic VR Card with Photo

S.C. Voter Identification Card

NAME: Allison Jones

REG. NO: 321234567



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If Voter Forgets Photo ID

- If a voter has a Photo ID but forgets to bring it to the polls, he has two options:
 - Retrieve their Photo ID and return to vote
 - Vote a provisional ballot that will NOT count UNLESS they show their photo ID to the election commission by the time of the provisional ballot hearing
- **MEC must have system in place to record who has provided Photo ID**

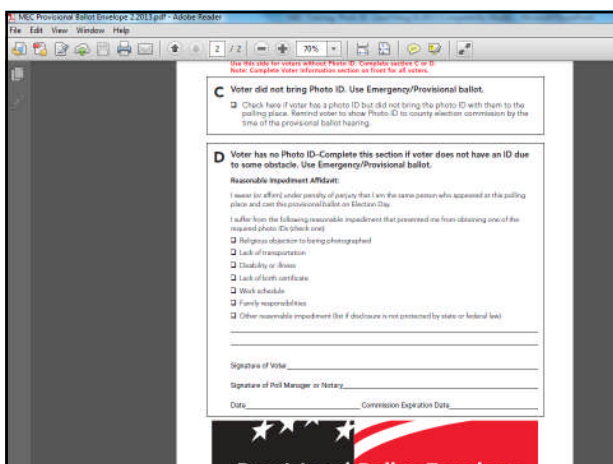
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If Voter Does Not Have Photo ID

- If a voter does not have a photo ID due to some obstacle, they may vote a provisional ballot after:
 - Showing their paper voter registration card without a photo (old vr card), and
 - Signing an affidavit attesting to their identity and impediment

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Who Determines Reasonableness?

- Voter may claim any obstacle he finds reasonable, as long as it is true.
- Only the voter determines what is reasonable.
- Poll Managers, MEC, clerks do not determine the reasonableness of the claimed impediment.

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Provisional Ballot Hearing

- Ballot will count if voter provides Photo ID prior to certification of the election
- Reasonable Impediment ballots will count unless someone proves the affidavit is false
- Would have to prove voter lied about:
 - His identity, or
 - About having the impediment

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Poll Manager Training

- MEC must ensure poll managers are trained on new Photo ID procedures
- MEC must ensure poll managers are provided with updated materials:
 - PM Handbook
 - Provisional Ballot Envelope
 - Notice of Provisional Ballot Hearing
 - Photo ID Posters
 - All Available from county or State EC

Candidate Filing Set

- Municipalities may determine method of filing by ordinance
 - Statement of Intention of Candidacy (SIC), or
 - Petition
- Municipalities may set filing fee by ordinance
- Most file with clerk
 - Some with county EC

Filing Deadlines

- Statement of Intention of Candidacy (SIC): No candidate may file later than 60 days prior to GE
 - Municipality can set earlier deadline or filing period by ordinance
- Petitions due 75 days prior to GE
- Special Election deadlines are 45 days (SIC), 60 days (petition)

NEW Candidate Ethics Filings

- Clerk no longer required to collect Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) or confirm filing of SEI
- Clerk should remind candidates of requirement to file online with State Ethics Commission
- <http://ethics.sc.gov>

Candidate Qualifications


- Entity with which candidate files responsible for determining qualifications
- Candidate must be qualified *on election day*
- Must reside in municipality for 30 days prior
- Must be registered voter
- Age 18
- Persons convicted of felony or specific offenses against elections laws not qualified until:
 - 15 years after completion of sentence, or pardoned

Contact Information

- Your county election commission
- scvotes.org
- State Election Commission
 - Chris Whitmire
cwhitmire@elections.sc.gov
 - 803.734.9070
 - 803.734.9060

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Conclusion of Election Updates



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