

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

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- Poll Manager

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

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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. State Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military 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

County	State	Class	County	Residence
02	29	008	01	01

SEX: Female RACE: 3844-AA BORN: 05/19/78

VOTE: 43
 Address: Legare Post 332
 6918 Broadview Drive

COUNTY / STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL

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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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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
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 - 803.734.9070
 - 803.734.9060

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Conclusion of Election Updates



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