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Voter ID will change how Merrick County votes by mail, in office

Nebraska's statewide primary on May 14, 2024, will be the first election in our state that requires voter ID. For voters in Merrick County, this will change how we vote by mail or vote in person at the county clerk's office. Since Merrick County is a by-mail county, all registered voters in our county automatically receive their ballot in the mail. Our office will begin mailing ballots out April 24, 2024.

You will simply present your photo ID before casting your ballot if you vote at the county clerk's office.

There are two options for presenting your photo ID when voting by mail. The first option is providing your driver's license or state ID number under the envelope flap in the voter ID section. The privacy flap will shield your ID information and signature and will only be visible to the county election office. The second option is photocopying your ID, such as your tribal ID, military ID, or nursing home record, and inserting that photocopy into your ballot return envelope with your ballot. You only need to do one option – either write your ID number on your envelope or provide a photocopy of your ID.

Acceptable IDs include a Nebraska driver's license, Nebraska state ID, U.S. passport, military ID, tribal ID, hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record, Nebraska college ID, or an ID from a political subdivision. Your ID must have your name and photo. Your ID can be expired.

Please reach out to the county clerk's office if you have questions or issues. We are here to help you.

Nebraskans can get a [free state ID](#) from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If the person was born in Nebraska and needs [a free certified copy of their Nebraska birth certificate](#) to get a free state ID for voting purposes, they can contact the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). A birth certificate is not a valid form of voter ID.

A brochure about voter ID is available in English and Spanish at voterID.nebraska.gov, along with more voter ID education material.