

# VOTING RIGHTS

## New Missouri voting laws, felon and absentee voting



*Allowable expenses and activities related to voting include: helping a survivor know how to register to vote, helping a survivor get a photo ID, driving survivors to the polls, and helping a survivor find their sample ballot, polling place, or other general, non-partisan information on voting. Missouri Secretary of State John R. Ashcroft released the latest version of Missouri Election Laws in August of 2022.*

The most recent changes to the election laws include:

- **A photo ID is required to vote in all elections:** Missouri's new election law went into effect August 28, 2022, requiring voters to have a government-issued photo ID to vote in Missouri. A state driver's license, passport, a non-driver's license ID card, or a military ID are all valid options. All other forms of identification, including school IDs, utility bills, or bank statements, are no longer accepted.
- **Expanded options for no excuse, absentee voting:** As of November 2022, voters are allowed to vote absentee two weeks before the election without needing a qualifying reason. The last two weeks of in-person absentee voting before the election is open to any voter without needing a qualifying reason.
- **Mail-in voting:** Mail-in voting is no longer an option.
- **Convicted felons:** Missourians who are convicted felons can vote after they have completed their sentence and probation or parole. Individuals who have been convicted of an election offense, whether a felony or misdemeanor, are not allowed to vote.
- **Presidential primaries:** New law replaced presidential primaries with political caucuses. Caucuses are hosted entirely by political parties.

### SAFE AT HOME PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Participants in the Safe at Home program have the same voting options as all registered voters in Missouri for any election. **Safe at Home voters will need a photo ID in addition to their Safe at Home voter code.**

During enrollment in the program, participants may have registered to vote or updated their voter registration. If a survivor is unsure, they can check their Safe at Home authorization card for their voter code. The voter code would have been assigned during enrollment. Safe at Home will contact the survivor's local election authority with notification of the registration and specific instructions for handling the record. The local election authority will not receive the confidential address.

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Safe at Home participants should contact the Safe at Home office to register to vote or make any changes to their voter registration — including name, address, etc. If they need to make any changes, they must contact the Safe at Home office to ensure the information is kept confidential. If a participant registers or changes their voter registration with any other agency, their information may not be protected. **Call the Safe at Home offices at 866.509.1409 for more information.**



### ABSENTEE VOTING

For more information on absentee voting, scan the QR code at left or visit [www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/howtovote#Absentee](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/howtovote#Absentee).

For more information, contact MOCADSV or visit [www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri).

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## How to assist clients with obtaining an eligible photo ID



Advocates can assist survivors in getting an eligible photo ID. Eligible forms of photo ID include any government-issued photo ID such as a driver's license, passport, military ID, or non-drivers license ID card. **Allowable expenses and activities related to voting include: helping a survivor know how to register to vote, helping a survivor get a photo ID, driving survivors to the polls, and helping a survivor find their sample ballot, polling place, or other general, non-partisan information on voting.**



### NON-DRIVER'S LICENSE

The Missouri Department of Revenue will provide a [free non-driver license ID](#) for any Missouri resident who needs one to vote. For more information call 573.526.VOTE (8683) or scan the QR code at left to visit [www.dor.mo.gov/faq/driver-license/non-driver-license.html](http://www.dor.mo.gov/faq/driver-license/non-driver-license.html).

### MISSOURI BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Some survivors may need assistance with obtaining necessary documents, such as their birth certificate, in order to get an ID. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Records, can provide a [free copy of a certified birth certificate](#) for someone seeking to obtain their free non-driver's license in order to vote in Missouri. Survivors of domestic violence can also receive a certified copy of a birth certificate for free with the proper documentation signed by a(n) employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider; an attorney; or a health care or mental health care profession from who the victim has sought assistance relating to domestic violence or abuse. Call 573.751.6387 or email [VitalRecordInfo@health.mo.gov](mailto:VitalRecordInfo@health.mo.gov) to get started. If survivors are not eligible for a free birth certificate, the fee for requesting a copy of a birth record is \$15 per record, and \$15 for each additional copy.

### REAL PHOTO ID

To get a REAL photo ID, you must present [at least one document from each category](#). For a complete list of documents which fit each category, scan the QR code below or visit [www.dor.mo.gov/driver-license/documents/RID.pdf](http://www.dor.mo.gov/driver-license/documents/RID.pdf).

1. **Identity:** Valid, unexpired Out of State Real ID driver's license, permit, or identification card; valid, unexpired Missouri Real ID driver's license, permit, or identification card; valid, unexpired U.S. passport; Certified Birth Certificate; Certificate of Citizenship; and more.
2. **Lawful Status:** Valid, unexpired U.S. passport; Certified Birth Certificate; Certificate of Citizenship; and more.
3. **Social Security Number:** Social Security card; W-2 form; pay stub with applicant's name and SSN; and more.
4. **Proof of Residency:** *Must have two (2) documents from two (2) separate types listed.* Utility bill with the survivor's name and address; voter registration card; bank statement; Safe at Home Card; letter from shelter (homeless only, not acceptable for Commercial Driver's License or Commercial Learner's Permit); and more.
5. **Name Change:** *Required if survivor needs to verify current full legal name or requested name change.* Certified marriage license; certified adoption papers; certified divorce decree; and more.



### QUESTIONS?

For survivors without a current permanent address: Ask an advocate about your options for registration to vote while still maintaining the agency's confidentiality and your own. Advocates can reach out to their county clerk for local guidance, and to explore options for alternative permanent addresses such as a secure mailing address, Safe at Home, or a P.O. box. For more information on different forms of ID, what is required to vote, how to get important documents, and more, scan the QR code at right or visit [www.dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/id-requirements.html](http://www.dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/id-requirements.html).

