

TRANSGENDER VOTING GUIDE

Your vote, your voice, and YOU matter! You deserve to have a say in who is going to be elected and making decisions that affect you and your loved ones. What you think and what you feel is important, and voting is one of the best ways to ensure you have the opportunity to be heard. Voting can be a stressful event, and even more so now that the NC Voter ID law is effective throughout the state of North Carolina. This law requires that voters have a photo ID to prove they are who they say they are when voting on Election Day.

Name | The name on your ID **MUST** match the name on your Voter Registration.

- If you have a new legal name that has not been updated on your voter registration, you need to update this before you are able to vote. Changes to

your voter registration are due by **October 11th, 2024**, but if you miss the voter registration deadline you can change your name on your voter registration if you vote in-person during the early voting period, but NOT on election day.

- A voter who is updating their name by mail will not be asked to present ID or proof of name change, but you will still need to show an ID that has the same legal name as your voter registration when you vote.
- When you change your name on your voter registration by mail, be sure that you include your current mailing address because a confirmation will be sent via mail. While an email address and phone number are not required, we suggest that you include them -- that way it will be easier for the board of elections to reach you if there are any issues with your registration.

Poll workers are supposed to understand that appearances change, and while an individual poll worker can question your ID, they cannot singularly turn you away based on your appearance. Instead, the judges of election at the polling place must all agree that the photo doesn't have a reasonable resemblance to your physical appearance to prevent you from voting a normal ballot. If this happens, don't despair! You are still able to vote via a provisional ballot.

Appearance | Your ID must "reasonably resemble" your appearance when you vote.

During the early voting period, you can make a name change in-person on the day you vote. You can't make a name change by mail during early voting.

Make sure to ask the poll worker who provides you with the provisional ballot what the next steps are and call or text 888-687-8683 to confirm that the instructions that they gave you are accurate.

Your gender marker on your voter registration and ID do not have to match.



BEFORE ELECTION DAY



STEP 1

Register to Vote

If you have registered, make sure that the name on your voter registration matches the name on your ID.



STEP 2

Approved Photo ID

If you don't already have a form of approved ID like a driver's license, you can get a Voter ID for free from your county board of elections or a non-driver State ID from the DMV (Note: you must already be registered to vote to get an ID from your county board of elections.)



STEP 3

Method of Voting

Decide which voting method is right for you and your situation, as each method has its own set of rules and deadlines to follow:

- Absentee Voting - will require a photo copy of your ID
- Early Voting - locate your polling place, will require photo ID
- Election Day Voting - locate your polling place, will require photo ID



STEP 4

Make a Plan

Make a plan with people you know and trust to go with you to the polls whenever you vote. There is power and safety in numbers!

**Your voice matters.
Vote your values.**

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If you run into barriers while voting call OR text the National Election Protection Hotline at 866-687-8683.

