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**Voters who cannot obtain one of  
the seven forms of approved  
photo ID have additional  
options at the polls**

**AUSTIN** – Today, Upton County Elections Administrator Mary Martha Arana reminded Texans that voters who cannot obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID now have additional options when voting in person.

“My office is working to make sure all the voters in Upton County are ready to cast a ballot,” said Arana. “These new options for voters who cannot obtain photo ID are currently in place and will be used in the November Election.”

As provided by a court order, if a voter has a reasonable impediment to obtaining one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter may vote by (1) signing a declaration at the polls explaining why the voter is unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, and (2) providing one of various forms of supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation can be a certified birth certificate (must be an original); a valid voter registration certificate; a copy or original of one of the following:

- Current utility bill,
- Bank statement,
- Government check, or
- Paycheck, or other Government document that shows the voter's name and an address, although government documents which include a photo must be **original** and cannot be copies. If a voter meets these requirements and is otherwise eligible to vote, the voter will be able to cast a regular ballot in the election.

**The Seven Forms of Approved Photo ID are:**

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

**Websites:** [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)  [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov)  
[http://www.co.upton.tx.us/default.aspx?Upton\\_County/Elections](http://www.co.upton.tx.us/default.aspx?Upton_County/Elections)  
**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/TXsecofstate>  <https://twitter.com/votetexas>  
**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/txsecretary>





With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the approved photo ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Voters with a disability may continue to apply with the Upton County Voter Registrar (Mary Martha Arana, 432.693.2014) for a permanent exemption to showing approved photo ID. Again, the approved voter photo ID may now be expired no more than four years) at the polls. Also, voters who (1) have consistent religious objections to being photographed or (2) do not present one of the seven forms of approved photo ID because of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may continue to apply for a temporary exemption to showing approved photo ID at the polls.

According to Secretary of State Carlos H. Cascos, a federal district court on August 10, 2016, entered an Order changing the voter identification requirements for all elections held in Texas after Aug. 10 until further notice.

Voters are urged to call the Elections Administrator's Office at 432.693.2014 for additional details and for copies of a flyer. Elections Administrator & Voter Registrar Arana said a mail-out will be distributed to voters containing printed materials and a flyer about the seven forms of approved photo ID, as well as additional options at the polls. Voters can learn more online by visiting [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov) or calling 1.800.252.VOTE.

Early Voting for the November 8 General Election begins October 24 and ends November 4.

<b>EARLY VOTING PERIOD.</b> <i>(Extended Hours for First &amp; Last Days of Early Voting)</i>		
Monday, Oct. 24 & Friday, Nov. 4 at Rankin & McCamey Poll Sites, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.		
Tuesday, Oct. 25; Wednesday, Oct. 26; Thursday, Oct. 27; Friday, Oct. 28; Monday, Oct. 31; Tuesday, Nov. 1; Wednesday, Nov. 2; Thursday, Nov. 3—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.		
	RANKIN POLL SITE	1000 N. Rankin St., Rankin, TX
	MCCAMEY POLL SITE	108 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> St., McCamey, TX
<b>ELECTION DAY. Tuesday, November 8, 2016.</b> <i>(All Polls Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)</i>		
	RANKIN POLL SITE	1000 N. Rankin St., Rankin Annex, Rankin, TX
	MCCAMEY POLL SITE	108 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> St., McCamey Annex, McCamey, TX
	MIDKIFF POLL SITE	2701 N. FM 2401, Community Center, Midkiff, TX

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