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Some Information for UWM Students and Staff on Voter ID Requirements

The Wisconsin Voter ID law is in effect for the upcoming election on November 4, 2014. The voter ID requirement is separate from, and in addition to, existing laws that require proof of residency when registering to vote.

Most people will be able to satisfy the requirements of the voter ID law through an existing and current WI driver's license, state-issued ID card, or other acceptable form of identification.

Additional Guidance for Students from Seth Zlotocha, Registrar

“...UWM, along with other accredited universities, are able to provide currently enrolled students with a special student voter ID card along with a student voter enrollment letter, which, together, satisfy the requirements of the voter ID law AND can stand for proof of residency for voter registration purposes. Please note that the student voter ID card and enrollment letter are only available for UWM students enrolled in the Fall 2014 term, not faculty, staff, or other members of the public.

“Student Voter ID Card: Students who wish to obtain a student voter ID card can get one, free of charge, in the Registrar's Office Information Center (Mellencamp 274) starting on October 1 through election day. The regular student ID card ("Panthercard") will not suffice for voter ID purposes. The special student voter ID card has the items, including proper expiration date (two years after day of issuance) and signature line, required by the Wisconsin Voter ID law. This special student voter ID card must be accompanied by the student voter enrollment letter or some other proof of enrollment to serve as voter identification. Acceptable forms of photo ID, such as a WI driver's license, do not need to include a current local address to be used to verify a voter's identity at the polls.

“More information on voter ID is available via the Government Accountability Board (GAB) at <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id> .

“Student Voter Enrollment Letter: This letter can be printed off PAWS on a self-service basis, starting on October 1. The link to generate the letter appears in Personal Information section on the PAWS Student Center. Instructions are provided through the self-service process that informs students on how to update their mailing address in PAWS, which prints on the enrollment letter and must reflect the student's local address based on their voting location.

“Students who do not have proof of their current local address can provide the student voter enrollment letter or another acceptable proof of residency document (e.g., utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, etc.) with their current name and address to register to vote, if they are not already registered to vote.

“More information on proof of residency for voter registration is also available via the GAB at <http://gab.wi.gov/voters/first-time> .

“Additional information on the student voter ID card and enrollment letter, including screenshots of the steps for accessing the letter, can be found at <https://techwiki.uwm.edu/display/RO/Student+Voter+ID+Information> .

“More information also at <http://www.uwsa.edu/voting/> and <http://www5.uwm.edu/news/2014/09/16/getting-a-uwm-voter-id/> .

“Please note that while the Registrar's Office issues the student voter ID card and enrollment letter, we are not experts on the Wisconsin Voter ID law. Students who have questions about voter ID and proof of residency for voter registration should be encouraged to consult the Government Accountability Board (GAB) website at <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id> and <http://gab.wi.gov/voters/first-time> .”

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