

## NEW VOTING LAWS – HIGH POINTS

### Voting at the Polls – Identification Required

**Effective January 1, 2019**, voters are required to present specified identification in order to vote. If you are on record with the Iowa DOT as having a driver's license or a nonoperator's ID, you will need to present that card at the polls.

If you do not have a DOT-provided ID, the County Auditor will send you an **Iowa Voter Identification Card** for voting purposes. This is a new form, and the voter ID cards provided in the past by counties will not be accepted. It is primarily for voters who do not have an Iowa driver's license or nonoperator's ID, but it will be sent to anyone requesting one from their County Auditor.

Other acceptable forms of identification are a U.S. passport, a tribal identification card, or a U.S. military or veterans ID.

If the voter has none of these, the voter may present multiple forms of identification to establish identity and residence. The law is specific about these forms. For further information, contact the Black Hawk County Election Office (319-833-3007, [election@co.black-hawk.ia.us](mailto:election@co.black-hawk.ia.us)) or visit our website ([co.black-hawk.ia.us](http://co.black-hawk.ia.us)).

If the voter has no eligible forms of ID, another voter of the same precinct may attest to the identity and residence of the voter by signing a prescribed oath and showing proper ID. A voter may only attest for two voters for any given election, but such an attester may also attest for one other person who needs to register to vote on election day.

A voter unable to establish identity as described above shall be permitted to cast a **provisional ballot**. In order for a provisional ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the necessary identification to the Election Office before the deadline for receiving absentee ballots before the election canvass. This is usually noon on the Monday following the election.

### Absentee Voting

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the County Auditor's Office or at a satellite voting location is changed from 40 days before the election to 29 days before the election.

Applications for absentee ballots delivered to the County Auditor's Office must be received 10 days before general elections and 11 days before all other elections. The previous deadline was four days before the election.

Applications for absentee ballots must contain a voter verification number, which is the voter's driver's license number, nonoperator ID number, or Iowa Voter Identification Card pin number. However, if any

required information, including the voter verification number, is omitted from an absentee ballot request, the county auditor shall, by the best means available, obtain the additional necessary information.

### **Other Changes in the Law**

**Straight party voting is eliminated**, effective immediately. All candidate choices must be individually marked on a ballot to receive votes.

If a registered voter **declines jury duty** giving non-citizenship or non-residency as justification, the voter's registration will be cancelled.

**Effective January 1, 2019, 17-year-olds** may register to vote, but they may not vote until age 18. However, if a voter will turn 18 on or before the general election, the voter may vote in the primary election while still 17.

**These are not all of the changes in the law. For more information, contact the Election Office at 319-833-3007 or [election@co.black-hawk.ia.us](mailto:election@co.black-hawk.ia.us) or visit our website ([co.black-hawk.ia.us](http://co.black-hawk.ia.us)) and look under Elections for NEW VOTING LAWS.**