

Voting with Photo Identification



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Acceptable Photo Identification

- ✓ Driver's license;
- ✓ Photo ID card issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the State of Mississippi;
- ✓ United States passport;
- ✓ Employee photo ID card issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government;
- ✓ License to carry a pistol or revolver;



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- ✓ Tribal photo ID card;
- ✓ United States Military ID, containing a photo of the voter;
- ✓ Student photo ID issued by an accredited Mississippi university, college or community/junior college;
- ✓ Mississippi Voter Identification Card; and
- ✓ Any photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government or any state government, such as a driver's license issued by a state other than Mississippi.



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Current and Valid

Acceptable photo ID presented at the precinct on Election Day or at the Circuit Clerk's Office during absentee voting must be current and valid.

Valid means the presented photo ID does not appear to be a fake or forgery.



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Current and Valid (cont.)

Current means the photo ID has no expiration date at all, or was not issued more than ten (10) years prior to the date the photo ID is presented either in the precinct on Election Day or in the Circuit Clerk's Office during absentee voting.



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**Absentee Voting by Mail,
E-Mail and Fax**

Voters who cast an absentee ballot by mail, e-mail or fax are NOT required to present or provide a copy of photo ID.



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Religious Objection

Voters who have a religious objection to being photographed are NOT required to present photo ID; however, these voters MUST vote by affidavit ballot and, within five (5) business days after the Election, complete an Affidavit of Religious Objection in the Circuit Clerk's Office for the affidavit ballot to be counted.



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Residents of State Licensed Care Facilities

Voters who reside in a state-licensed care facility, and who vote in person in a precinct located in the same state-licensed care facility in which they reside, are NOT required to present photo ID. These voters cast a "regular" ballot, not an affidavit ballot.



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Voting with Photo ID

If the Poll Manager(s) determine:

1. The presented ID is an acceptable form of photo ID,
 2. The presented photo ID "fairly depicts" the voter, and
 3. The voter's name as it appears on the presented photo ID is "substantially similar" to the voter's name as it appears on the poll book,
- then the voter may cast his/her ballot.



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**Is the Presented ID
Acceptable Photo ID?**

Poll Managers must verify the photo ID presented by each voter is one of the nine (9) forms of acceptable photo ID.

A voter who cannot present acceptable photo ID at the precinct on Election Day or in the Circuit Clerk's Office during absentee voting is entitled to vote by an affidavit ballot.



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**Does the Photo on the Presented
ID Fairly Depict the Voter?**

Poll Managers must verify the photograph on the presented ID "fairly depicts" the voter.

- If the poll manager does not believe the voter is the person depicted in the presented photo ID, the poll manager must confer with the bailiff.
- If the bailiff does not believe the voter is the person depicted in the presented photo ID, the voter is entitled to vote by an affidavit ballot.



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**Is the Name Substantially
Similar?**

Poll Managers must verify the voter's name as it appears on the presented photo ID is "substantially similar" to the voter's name as it appears on the poll book.



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A Name is Substantially Similar If:

- The name on the presented photo ID is only slightly different from the name as it appears on the poll book,
- The name on the presented photo ID is a customary variation or abbreviation of a formal name, or vice versa, such as Bill, Billy, Will for William, Kim for Kimberly, or Rick, Richie or Dick for Richard,



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A Name is Substantially Similar If:

- The name on the presented photo ID includes an initial or middle name that does not appear on the poll book, or vice versa, or
- A first name, middle name, former name, maiden name or initial of the voter's name appears in a different order on the presented photo ID than the name appears on the poll book.



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A Name is Substantially Similar If:

- If a voter's middle or last name on the presented photo ID is different from the name as it appears on the poll book due to marriage or divorce, the voter may cast a "regular" ballot if:
 - A part of the name, the address or the date of birth on the presented photo ID matches a part of the name, the address or the date of birth on the poll book.



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Is the Name Substantially Similar?

- If the poll manager does not believe the voter's name as it appears on the presented photo ID is substantially similar to the voter's name as it appears on the poll book, the poll manager must confer with the bailiff.
- If the bailiff does not believe the voter's name as it appears on the presented photo ID is substantially similar to the voter's name as it appears on the poll book, the voter is entitled to vote by an affidavit ballot.



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Voting by Affidavit Ballot

If the Poll Manager(s) determine:

1. The presented photo ID is not an acceptable form of photo ID, or
 2. The presented photo ID does not "fairly depict" the voter, or
 3. The voter's name as it appears on the presented photo ID is not "substantially similar" to the name as it appears on the poll book,
- then the voter is entitled to vote by an affidavit ballot.



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No voter is ever refused the right to vote, or turned away from the precinct because he/she does not have an acceptable photo ID.



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Voting by Affidavit Ballot (cont.)

A voter who casts an affidavit ballot because:

1. he/she does not have an acceptable photo ID,
2. the presented photo ID does not fairly depict the voter, or
3. the name as it appears on the presented photo ID is not substantially similar to the voter's name as it appears on the poll book,

has five (5) business days after the Election to present an acceptable form of photo ID in the Circuit Clerk's office.



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Acceptable Photo ID?



IMA SAMPLE VOTERMAN
PO BOX 0000
THIS CITY, MD 12345

JONES COUNTY
ISSUED: 11/24/2013

VALID FOR VOTING
PURPOSES ONLY



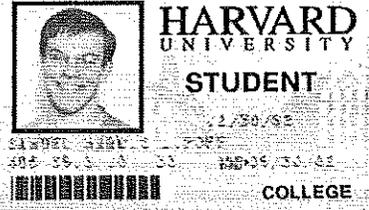
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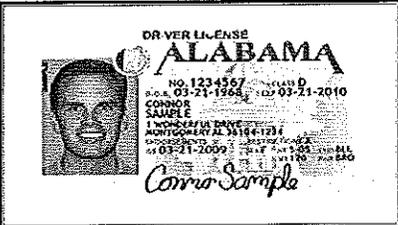


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STUDENT
2/28/02
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COLLEGE



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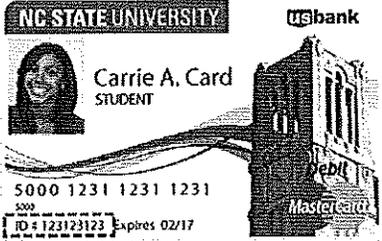


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No. 1234567 Class D
DOB 03-21-1964 Exp 03-21-2010
CONNOR SAULE
MONTGOMERY AL 1144-1234
03-21-2009
Connor Sample



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NC STATE UNIVERSITY 
Carrie A. Card
STUDENT
5000 1231 1231 1231
ID # 123123123 Expires 02/17
MasterCard



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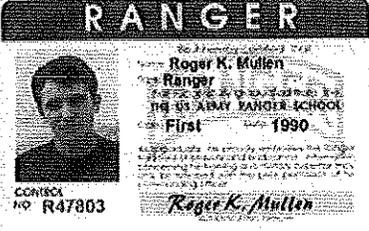
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RANGER

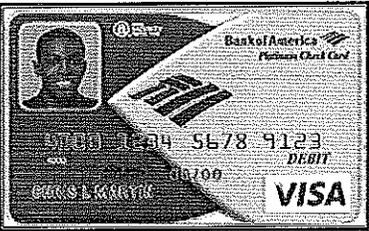
Roger K. Mullen
Ranger
THE US ARMY RANGER SCHOOL
First **1990**

CONTACT NO: R47803

Roger K. Mullen

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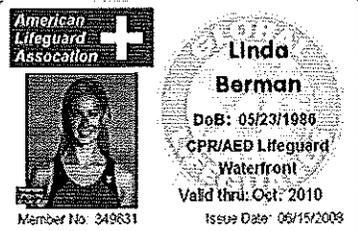
Bank of America
Platinum Check Card

5678 9123
DEBIT

VISA

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American Lifeguard Association

Linda Berman
DoB: 05/23/1986
CPR/AED Lifeguard
Waterfront
Valid thru: Oct: 2010
Issue Date: 06/15/2008

Member No: 249831

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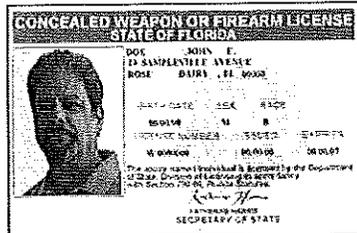
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 Police Officer
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- ✓ Mississippi Voter Registration Card
- ✓ Jackson Airport Authority Employee ID
- ✓ Pike County School Teacher Employee ID
- ✓ Mississippi College Student ID
- ✓ Veteran's Photo ID



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