

FAQs: Election Day Procedures

Q: Can you use a vehicle insurance statement or vehicle proof of insurance as POR?

A: No.

Q: One question, do the provisional voting guidelines change if the voter is in the poll book, but still "protests" the photo ID law. I know whom you are referring to, it happens every election for us.

A: I know it can be frustrating, but no, it does not change.

Q: He does come in, and is in the Poll Book, but I am not sure if he does show any type of POR, he just will not provide the photo ID

A: If he is in the poll book he is registered and does not have to show POR, just photo ID. If he is unwilling or unable to provide photo ID, he can vote a provisional ballot if he chooses.

Q: Can SSA and Medicare statements be used as POR?

A: Yes, they are issued by a unit of government

Q: Can statements from entities that contract with state or federal governments to administer Medicaid and Medicare be used for POR?

A: No, they are contractors, not part of a unit of government.

Q: what about a religious person not wanting to show a photo ID?

A: There are acceptable IDs without a photo that can be used if someone has a religious objection to being photographed.

Q: If a person challenges procedure at a nursing home, do all ballots issued for absentee voting there get challenged?

A: You can only challenge a ballot, not a procedure.

Q: If using Badger Books, are we required to have two people at the computer to verify voter id.

A: No, it was written into the law that only one poll worker is required to manage the Badger Book and verify photo ID.

Q: When the WEC receives complaints from voters, does the WEC get voters' information so they can follow up on the matter with the municipal clerk so that each municipal clerk is aware of the issues the WEC is getting complaints about to take corrective measures?

A: Yes.

Q: At the end of today, can we please address if the WEC has a "Best Practice" memo or email for candidates on the ballot who come to vote. Many Towns, Villages, etc. have local races and it would be great to be able to email out something to the candidates on how to make sure they are not "supporting their candidacy" at the voting place.

A: They are supposed to cast their ballot and leave. Otherwise it could be construed as electioneering. Even a regular voter cannot be hanging around the polls unless he or she is signed in as an observer,

Q: You can use one affiliated and one non-affiliated inspector correct?

A: Yes, unless you have filled your roster of election inspectors with affiliated inspectors. They you would use one of each party.

Q: Further discussion here has clarified the ID that was seen was a military veteran id card that did not have a photo - is that acceptable?

A: We haven't seen one and suggested contacting out office if you encounter it.

Q: Do they need to look at an expiration date on the ID?

A: Yes, but keep in mind that some acceptable photo IDs may not have an expiration date or may be expired.

Q: I thought we were only looking at the ID to verify photo & expiration date. That is what we have always told our election workers.

A: The name on the photo ID must conform to the name on the poll list, for example James for Jim, Sue for Susan, etc.

Q: Is a garbage bill still NOT consider a valid POR as a utility?

A: We consider that a utility and utility bills are acceptable forms of POR.

Q: We get a lot of utility bills used for POR that are mailed to the owner (correct address in our municipality) but the service is for a rental property out of town. This doesn't count, right?

A: If the utility bill has the voter's name and address on it, the bill can be used POR (not just on the mailing envelope).

Q: where on the WEC website is the photo ID picture guide (slide 11)

A: On the Bring it to the Ballot website.

Q: We have a poll worker who is the aunt of an alderperson. They could serve?

A: Yes, if they are not an immediate family member who stands to gain financially from the outcome of the election.