

What to Expect when you come to Vote
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Act 23 requires voters to show a photo ID to receive a ballot, and to sign the poll list, starting in February.

What to Expect at the Polling Place

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are.

Say It

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but [it is the law](#), and it helps ensure openness in elections.

Show It

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you.

The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs that say Sue can relax.) Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you, even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight.

Sign It

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you're ready to vote.