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Pennsylvania's Voter ID Law: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



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AFL-CIO Pennsylvania Communications Director Yuri Beckelman sends us this report on what the [recent court decision](#) on the state's new voter ID law means for voters.

If you live in Pennsylvania and are planning on voting this November, here is what you need to know about the new voter ID law:

- **Do I need a photo ID to vote in the election this November?** No.
- **If I'm a first time voter, do I need a photo ID to vote in the election this November?** No. But you will need one of these forms of ID.
- **Will I have to vote via provisional ballot if I don't have photo ID?** No.
- **Will I have to stand in a different line to vote if I don't have a photo ID?** No
- **Will poll workers ask if I have ID when I go to vote?** Yes. But if you don't have it, you can still vote using normal procedures.
- **What about the new voter ID law I keep hearing about?** Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson ruled that voters will not be required to present a photo ID at the polls in the November election but that the state can continue to educate voters about the voter ID law.
- **Will I have to show ID to vote in elections after this November?** Maybe. While voting rights advocates will continue to challenge the voter ID law in the courts, the injunction put in place by Judge Simpson will only affect this November's election.
- **SHARE OUR RIGHTS:** If you've heard something different from a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker, send them this blog post. These are the facts and we can't let confusion suppress our vote.

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