



# VOTER ID IN 2012

Beginning in 2012, poll workers will ask you to show an ID when you vote at your polling place. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the fairness of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

## **What is an acceptable ID?**

IDs must be valid and cannot have expired, but they do not need to have your current address.

## **Acceptable Photo IDs include:**

- 1) RI driver's license
- 2) U.S. passport
- 3) State of RI- or U.S. government-issued ID card
- 4) ID card from an educational institution in the United States
- 5) U.S. military ID card
- 6) Government-issued medical card

## **Acceptable non-photo IDs for 2012 and 2013 include:**

- 1) Birth certificate
- 2) Social security card
- 3) Government-issued medical card

## **Protecting Your Vote**

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

Photo ID will be required at the polls beginning in 2014.

Mail ballots will not require Voter ID.

Voters who do not have an acceptable photo ID can get one free of charge from the State.

**Find more about Voter ID at [www.sos.ri.gov](http://www.sos.ri.gov)**