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Friday Voter ID Update

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Illinois

The truth is that voter requirements should be invoked. The answer to the national debate lies in how much identification should be required. In every election there are incidents of voter fraud, but these occurrences are small and not wide spread. Another truth is that the requirement for photo identification doesn't stifle the numbers of minority voters.

[*Requiring ID doesn't stifle the number of minority voters*](#)

Missouri

The Missouri legislative session is just past its midway point, with a number of the GOP's top priorities yet to reach a final vote and disagreements between Senate Democrats and Republicans likely to cause more setbacks.

[*Legislative battles loom on ethics, voter ID, abortion*](#)

New Mexico

The Clovis City Commission took the first step Thursday in acting on what voters overwhelmingly told them to do March 1 — draft an ordinance requiring photo identification at municipal elections.

[*Voter ID committee chosen*](#)

North Carolina

As to the larger issue, I'm sure that the Left will continue to allege "voter suppression." It fits their preferred narrative and advances their preferred political agenda. But it doesn't comport with the facts. Voter turnout after the 2013 enactment of North Carolina's election reforms has been at or above previous levels

[*Liberals blow election forecast*](#)

The Wake County Board of Elections on Thursday waded through 7,940 provisional ballots from the March primary, making decisions on which would be counted, partially counted or rejected.

[*Wake elections board makes first voter ID decisions*](#)

But as a record number of voters went to the polls during the primary, local elections officials say voter ID wasn't a big deal. It was the more common issues, like not having enough ballots, at times, to handle the turnout.

[*Reality Check: Voter ID law had little impact on election*](#)

State Board of Elections officials say charges that North Carolina's new voter ID requirement led to long wait times at the polls and unnecessary confusion that harmed voters are off target.

[*Officials: Voter ID Law Did Not Cause Primary Confusion*](#)

Texas

As we inch closer to the general election, Secretary of State Carlos Cascos wants to make sure Texas voters are prepared to cast a ballot. The secretary was at Del Mar College, Wednesday, where he spoke to the League of Women Voters about the upcoming election. He wanted everyone to know about the law requiring people to have a photo ID when they vote.

[*State Secretary talks voter ID laws before election*](#) *[Auto-play video]*

The League of United Latin American Citizens and Congressman Marc Veasy, along with other plaintiffs, filed an application with the US Supreme Court on Friday, asking the court to vacate a stay that allowed a Texas voter

ID law to remain in place in 2014.

[*Voters ask Supreme Court to block Texas voter ID law*](#)

Texas is granted an extension to April 15 to file supplemental brief in en banc rehearing of voter ID case in the Fifth Circuit.

[*Order*](#)

West Virginia

After condemning a Republican voter ID bill as the "voter suppression act," Democrats offered an amendment to include automatic registration when people get driver's licenses or IDs. The Republican-led Legislature accepted it without much resistance.

[*West Virginia May Become 3rd Automatic Voter Signup State*](#)

[*Text of HB 4013 as Passed*](#)

[*LDF Talking Points on Automatic Voter Registration*](#)

Wisconsin

To cast a ballot during this upcoming Tuesday's primary election, voters will need to have identification on hand. In March 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court "cleared the way" for a law that makes identification necessary for voters during all Wisconsin elections, according to the Government Accountability Board (GAB).

[*Voter ID, registration, and early voting in Wisconsin*](#)

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is opening a second campus location for students to receive special voter identification cards in advance of Wisconsin's presidential primary and spring election next week.

[*Wisconsin opens second student voter ID location*](#)

The relatively low number of provisional ballots cast in Wisconsin's February election could indicate the new voter ID law isn't having the negative impact some feared.

[*GAB: Minimal provisional ballots may indicate voter ID law not having the negative impact*](#)

The state's presidential primary is less than a week away, and Wisconsin voters are expected to head to the polls in near-record numbers.

[Wis. primary could see record-setting turnout](#)

Despite predictions that turnout for Wisconsin's April 5 presidential primaries will be the highest in nearly four decades, officials are confident reliance on the state's much-litigated voter photo ID requirement will be relatively trouble free.

[Wisc. Officials Say Photo ID Law Won't Snarl Polls](#)

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