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Friday Voter ID Update

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NATIONAL

The Pew Research Center found that 77 percent of Americans supported photo voter ID requirements. A poll conducted by Rasmussen Reports this summer illustrated a similar trend, showing more than three-quarters of Americans are in favor of requiring a photo ID to vote. That poll asked, "Should voters be required to show photo identification such as a driver's license before being allowed to vote?"

[*Rowden mostly right about Missouri residents supporting voter ID*](#)

STATES

COLORADO

The state Senate on Wednesday passed a voter ID bill that would require Coloradans to provide photo identification when registering or voting in person. Currently, Colorado citizens can register to vote using documents that establish their address – like a utility bill or paycheck – but don't have to show photo ID.

[*Republicans' Voter ID Bill Moves To Democrat-Led State House*](#)

IDAHO

You might soon be able to register to vote in Idaho with your concealed weapons permits. An Idaho committee introduced the legislation. Currently voters must provide one of four types of identifications. Idahoans are able to sign a personal identification affidavit at the polls in lieu of acceptable identification.

[*Voter registration in Idaho*](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

Cannon entered a Mecklenburg County court room at noon in a suit and tie and immediately pleaded guilty to attempted voter ID fraud. He was sentenced to one day active time to be served concurrent with his ongoing federal prison term.

[*Former Charlotte mayor pleads guilty to attempted voter ID fraud*](#)

“More voters participated in Tuesday’s election than in any prior primary. Early voting was also a huge success, surpassing 2008 and 2012,” said Josh Lawson, the elections board’s general counsel. A total of 2.3 million voters cast primary ballots, which was 35.3 percent of registered voters.

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

RHODE ISLAND

Before Rhode Islanders go to the polls on April 26 for the Presidential Preference Primary, Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea will be providing voters who do not currently have a valid photo ID several opportunities to obtain a free Voter ID Card from the Department of State.

[*RI Secretary providing Voter ID cards ahead of the Presidential Preference Primary*](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

HB 4013 passed the upper chamber on a 20-14 vote, with two Democrats supporting the measure. The bill differs from the original version which required photo identification at the polls. The Senate Committee on the Judiciary amended the bill to include 15 different forms of identification, including a voter registration card, pay stub, SNAP benefits card, TANF card,

credit or debit card and a utility bill. If poll workers recognize the voter, no identification is required, the bill says.

[Senate passes voter ID bill](#)

WISCONSIN

For the first time, Wisconsin's veterans can use a photo ID card issued by the Veterans Health Administration to get a ballot when they vote on April 5.

[Veterans can now use VA cards for voter ID in Wisconsin](#)

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