Current voter ID laws present a unique obstacle to voting in local, state, and national elections for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Georgia is one of nine states that have strict photo identification laws which require voters to present a valid government issued photo identification in order to vote and have their vote counted.

Impact of Voter Identification Laws on Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (GNC) Individuals

- The National Transgender Survey found that persons of color, young people, low income individuals, students, and disabled persons were more likely to lack updated identifying documents.
- When presenting identification 41% of GNC individuals report being harassed, 15% report being asked to leave, and 3% report being assaulted.
- Voters without accurate identification, or identification which is questioned by poll workers may be required to fill out a provisional ballot until identity and voting eligibility is confirmed.

Resources for Georgia Voters from the Secretary of State’s Office

**How to Register to Vote:**

- Complete the Voter Registration form available on the Georgia Secretary of State website which may be sent either online or in the mail: [http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/)

- If you have a valid GA Driver’s License, you can register completely online at: [http://www.gavotes.org/?source=GE](http://www.gavotes.org/?source=GE)

**What is a valid ID?**

- Current state or federal government issued photo id, including a free Voter ID Card issued by your county registrar's office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS)
- A Georgia Driver's License, even if expired
- Current employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state.
- Current U.S. Passport
- Current U.S. military photo/identification.

**What is the Poll Worker checking for?**

The Poll worker has the duty to make sure the voter is officially registered to vote and is voting at the correct precinct. The Poll worker does this by comparing the information on the voter's valid ID to the Electors Precinct List provided by the county registrar.

- If the name on your identification document is different than the name on the precinct voter registration list. You are NOT registered to vote.

**What is a Provisional Ballot?**

Provisional ballots allow for you to vote in person when you have not met all registered voter requirements. All discrepancies need to be resolved by the Friday following the election. It is YOUR responsibility to provide any missing information in order for your vote to be counted. Three common reasons for receiving a provisional ballot are:

- You are unable to show one of the required forms of photo ID when you vote in person.
- When you registered to vote by mail, you did not provide any identification at that time.
- Your name does not appear on the list of registered voters in the precinct.

If the poll worker denies you a regular ballot for any reason, you always have the right to vote using a Provisional Ballot. Do not leave the polling place without casting your Provisional Ballot.

**How to Check Your Registration Status and Find Your Polling Precinct:**

Visit the Georgia Secretary of State’s website at [http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/)

**What is an Absentee Ballot?**

Any registered voter may apply to receive an absentee ballot. Voters can apply for an absentee ballot starting 180 days before Election Day. Your voted ballot must arrive to the address indicated on the return envelope by the deadline or it will not be counted.

- Voting absentee provides a viable alternative for registered voters who cannot or wish to not vote in person on Election Day.
- Absentee ballots are able to be tracked to see if they arrive. You can track your absentee ballot at: [https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do](https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do)

Information provided by TransActionGA
When voting in person, if anyone challenges your voting credentials before you reach the clerk’s table, prioritizes other voters over you, attempts to stop you from voting, or if you receive verbal or physical harassment, at any time at your polling place, call Election Protection at 1-866-OUR-VOTE to report such activity. If you feel threatened or in danger call 911 immediately to report the incident to the local authorities.

GE was founded in 1995. As Georgia’s largest statewide LGBT advocacy group, we work toward our mission through two partner organizations: Georgia Equality, Inc. and the Equality Foundation of Georgia.

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