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Select Driver License Offices Open Saturdays to Issue Election Identification Certificates

No driver license transactions will be conducted on Saturdays

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is offering Saturday hours at nearly 50 driver license offices across the state as part of an ongoing effort to provide Election Identification Certificates (EICs) to Texans in need of proper identification required to vote in elections in Texas.

Click [here](#) for a list of select offices open on Saturdays.

Select offices will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. beginning September 14 through November 2, to allow residents to apply for EICs only. No other transactions will be conducted during Saturday business hours. In addition to the Saturday hours, applicants may apply for an EIC at all Texas driver license offices during regular business hours Monday - Friday.

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has any of the following documents, they are not eligible to receive an EIC:

- Texas driver license - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas personal identification card - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. passport book or card - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas concealed handgun license - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Military identification with photo - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo

To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit a driver license office and complete an Application for Texas Election Certificate (DL-14C). To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

- Bring documentation to the office to verify U.S. citizenship
- Bring documentation to the office to verify Identity
- Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety at the office)
- Be a Texas resident
- Be 17 years and 10 months or older

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office. The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification. Texans with a documented disability may apply at their county voter registrar for a permanent exemption from the photo ID requirement. If approved, they will not need a photo ID to vote. Also, if individuals are voting by mail, they do not have to submit a photo ID.

For more information on the requirements, exemptions and process for obtaining an EIC, please visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State's website: www.votetexas.gov.