

**Voter Registration:**

Effective January 1, 2019, 17-year olds may register to vote, but they may not vote until age 18. However, if a voter will turn 18 on or before the general election, the voter may vote in the primary election while still 17.

**Election Day Registration:**

In order to register and vote on election day, one must provide proof of identity and residency.

Absent such identification, a person wishing to vote may establish identity and residency in the precinct by written oath of a person who is registered to vote in the precinct, known as an Attester. Before signing an oath, the Attester shall present proof of his/her identity.

**Register  
to VOTE**

If a precinct does not have an electronic pollbook for voter check-in, a person registering to vote on election day shall only be permitted to vote a provisional ballot. If the person’s name does not appear on the felon database, the ballot shall be counted.

**Straight Party Voting:**

Effective immediately, straight party voting is eliminated. All candidate choices must be individually marked on a ballot to receive votes.

**For More Information:**

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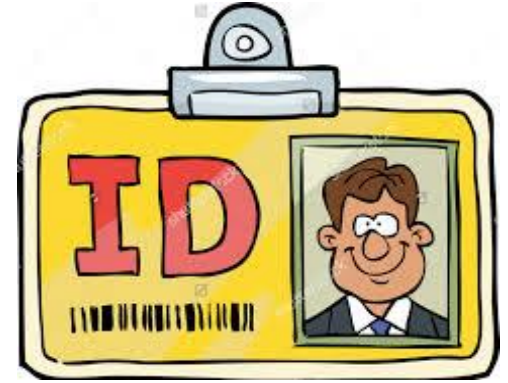
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Or, visit the county’s website:  
[www.decaturcountyiowa.org](http://www.decaturcountyiowa.org)

and look under “Elections”  
for NEW VOTING LAWS.

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Iowa’s New ID Requirements & Other Updated Election Rules

**DECATUR COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE**

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## Voting At the Polls – Identification Required:

During 2018, registered voters will be asked to show their ID before voting at the polls. Anyone who does not have their ID will be asked to sign an oath verifying their identity and will be allowed to cast a regular ballot.

Any voter requesting an absentee ballot will be required to include his/her driver's license/non-operator ID number or Voter ID Card PIN on the absentee ballot request form.

Beginning 2019, Iowa voters will be required to show one of the following before they vote:

- Iowa driver's license/non-operator ID
- Passport
- Military ID
- Veterans ID
- Voter ID Card

Voters without an ID may cast a provisional ballot or have another registered voter attest to their identification.

Voter registration cards previously provided by county auditors will NOT be valid for purposes of voting.

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*Registered voters who do not possess an Iowa driver's license or non-operator's ID will be issued a Voter ID Card, free of charge, automatically. The state will begin mailing the Voter ID Cards in early December.*

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A voter unable to establish identity as described shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. In order for the provisional ballot to be counted, the voter must provide the necessary identification to the Decatur County Auditor's Office before the prescribed deadline, usually noon on the Monday following the election.



Absentee Voting: Absentee ballots may be **requested** no more than 120 days before an election. Applications for absentee ballots prior to 120 days before election day will be returned to the voter.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the County Auditor's Office or a satellite voting location, and the first day for the Auditor to mail ballots to voters who have applied for them, is changed from 40 days before the election to 29 days before the election.

Applications for absentee ballots **delivered to the County Auditor's Office** must be received ten days before general elections and eleven days before all others. The previous deadline was four days before the election.

When voting absentee in person following the pre-election voter registration deadline, one must provide proof of identity and residency.