SB 16 /HB 0007
PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO BE ALLOWED TO VOTE
In TENNESSEE (Some Exemptions on the following pages.)

(This new requirement for voting begins January 1, 2012)
*Requires a voter to produce a government issued photo ID before being allowed to vote
*Exempts those voting by absentee (SEE BELOW)
*If no photo identification, the voter will vote a provisional ballot except in case of indigent or those who have a religious objection. Those voters must sign an oath stating he or she is indigent or an oath stating a religious objection to being photographed. After signing the oath the voter will vote on the machines.
*Provisional ballots will be reviewed by the Provisional Counting Board who will decide if the ballot will be counted or not. The Provisional Counting Board may meet (changed from forty-eight hours to four business days following Election Day). An extension may be granted by the Coordinator of Elections, but no later than the second Monday following an election.
*If no photo ID and voter cast a provisional ballot, the voter has two business days to return to the election commission to show a valid photo ID-must sign affidavit and AOE must copy photo ID for records and counting board.
*If vote is rejected the Election Office must notify voter by mail and state reason why rejected.
* Valid photo ID includes a Tennessee drivers license, US passport, Department of Safety photo ID card, state or federal employee photo identification card, photo ID card issued by federal government or other state, US military photo ID or an expired picture driver's license.
COLLEGE PHOTO ID IS NOT A VALID ID FOR VOTING PURPOSES.
THESE VOTING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY.
EFFECTIVE with January 1, 2012 ELECTIONS.
EXEMPTIONS TO HAVING TO HAVE A PHOTO ID TO VOTE:

1. Persons Outside of County on Election Day who will also be out of the county during Early Voting.
2. Students and Spouses Outside of County- Student enrolled in college etc.
3. Voters on the Permanent Absentee Voting Register- statement from licensed physician that person is not able to go to the Election Office to vote.
4. Residents of certain institutions outside of the County- nursing home, prison etc.

5. Jurors-voter who will not be able to come to vote Early or on Election Day because they are serving as a juror for federal or state court.
6. Person over 65 years of age or voter who is disabled and their polling place is inaccessible or a voter who is hospitalized etc. and cannot appear at the polling place or a voter who is a caretaker of an ill or disabled person.
7. Candidates for Office
8. Election Officials
9. Observance of a Religious Holiday
10. Persons possessing a valid commercial driver license and the voter will be working outside of the county or state on Election Day and will be unable to vote (Must have proof of commercial driver's license)

The above voters would be exempt from having to show a photo ID to vote because they could vote absentee. (This ballot would be mailed to the absentee voter and the last day an absentee ballot could be mailed to a voter would be the 7th day before Election Day. The ballot would need to be mailed back to our county Election Office and be received by our Election Office by the close of business on Election Day.)

To be able to vote absentee a voter must fill out an application for a ballot not more than 90 days and not later than 7 days before Election Day. The request for an absentee ballot may be mailed, faxed, hand delivered, or e-mailed with an attached document (which includes a scanned signature) to the Election Office. A request for an absentee ballot must contain:1)Name of the registered voter, (2) Address of the voter,(3) Voter's social security number, (4) Address to mail the ballot outside the county. (This only applies when the reason for voting by mail involves that the voter will be outside of the County during Early Voting and on Election Day), (5) Election the voter wants to vote in, (6) Reason the voter wants to vote absentee, (7) Voter's Signature. The Election Office has application for ballot forms but above information may be sent as request in letter form.

Photo I.D's will be made free of charge by the Tennessee Department of Safety at the Driver's License Testing Centers. (This service will begin July 1, 2011.) To obtain a free photo I.D. for voting purposes from the Dept. of Safety a voter must present to the Driver's License Center a voter card and 2 forms of I.D. such as social security card, birth certificate, current or expired driver's license with no picture. The voter must sign an affidavit saying they have no picture I.D. for voting purposes and this is the reason the person is having the photo I.D. made.

Hours of Service of Weakley County Driver's License Center
CLOSED on MONDAYS
OPEN TUESDAY through FRIDAY 7 AM-5:30 PM (Closed on Holidays)
Located at 8598 Hw. 22, Dresden, Tn. (Tel.# 731-364-5547)

If you need to have your photo I.D. made on Monday-the Driver's License Testing Center in Union City is open from 8 Am-4:30 PM on Monday and you may go to another county to have your photo ID for voting made.

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