

BALLOT LANGUAGE



This measure adds a new section 6 to article 3 of the Oklahoma Constitution to require proof of identity to vote in any election authorized by law and conducted by a county election board or the State Election Board. The measure requires proof of identity for all authorized methods of voting. The measure requires the Legislature to enact laws to specify requirements for proof of identity for voting. The measure will not have a fiscal impact.

Shall the proposal be approved?

For the proposal - YES

Against the proposal -NO

State Question 846

would change the Oklahoma Constitution by making proof of identity for voting a constitutional requirement; lawmakers would be responsible for setting the rules for what counts as proof.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT LANGUAGE



The ballot measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new Section 6 to Article III to read as follows:

"Section 6. Each voter shall present proof of identity to the appropriate election official when voting at any election authorized by law and conducted by a county election board or the State Election Board. Proof of identity shall be required for any method of voting authorized by law. The Legislature shall enact laws necessary to specify the requirements for proof of identity for voting as required by this section."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Oklahoma Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 47 during the 2026 Legislative Session, which created State Question 846. SQ 846 would enshrine the requirement for voter identification in the state constitution, but the specifications for that identification would be defined by state law.

Oklahoma has required identification in order to vote since 2011. In 2010, voters approved SQ 746 which requires people to present a valid, government-issued photo ID or their voter registration card issued by the Oklahoma Election Board when voting in person. If voting by mail, individuals must have their ballots notarized or, under specific circumstances, have their ballots witnessed.

Oklahoma's election system has been ranked among the nation's highest for election integrity, according to the [Heritage Foundation](https://www.heritage.org). The Oklahoma Election Board uses voter ID, paper ballots, offline voting machines, bipartisan oversight, pre-election testing, strong ballot security, and post-election audits.

SUPPORTERS SAY...



This could increase election security by constitutionally requiring voters to present proof of identity.



Requiring voters to show ID helps make sure only eligible people vote and builds trust in Oklahoma elections.



This intends to prevent future legislatures from removing the voter identification requirement without first holding a public vote.

OPPONENTS SAY...



The language would give the Oklahoma Legislature broad authority to set overly restrictive ID requirements like those in the proposed federal SAVE Act.



Oklahoma already requires voter ID and has some of the most secure and accurate elections in the country. This measure would not increase security, but would decrease ballot access to legal voters.



The requirements of the language could significantly change the mail-in voting process, potentially removing it as a possibility for most Oklahomans.

DEADLINES

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- July 31, 2026

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

- Received by August 10, 2026 no later than 5:00 p.m. (CST)

ABSENTEE BALLOT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- Received by August 25, 2026 no later than 7:00 p.m. (CST)

EARLY VOTING

- Thursday, August 20, 2026: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (CST)
- Friday, August 21, 2026: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (CST)

DAY OF ELECTION

- Tuesday, August 25, 2026: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (CST)

Visit the Oklahoma Voter Portal at okvoterportal.okelections.us for your voting information, including polling location.