

In 2011, the Kansas Legislature passed the Secure And Fair Elections Act, also called the SAFE Act.

The SAFE Act is intended to ensure that all voters are qualified to vote and to make it more difficult to cast an illegal vote.

All provisions take effect January 1, 2012 except the requirement that applicants for voter registration provided proof of U.S. citizenship

What photo ID will I need?

The following documents may be used as photographic identification for purposes of voting in Kansas:

- Driver's license issued by Kansas or another state
- State identification card issued by Kansas or another state
- Concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or another state
- U.S. passport
- Employee badge or identification document issued by a government agency
- U.S. military identification
- Student identification card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in Kansas
- Public assistance identification card issued by a government agency

What is valid proof of U.S. citizenship?

The following documents may be used as proof of U.S. citizenship for purposes of registering to vote in Kansas:

- Birth certificate that verifies U.S. citizenship
- U.S. passport
- U.S. naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization
- U.S. military record of service showing the applicant's place of birth in the U.S.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number or tribal enrollment number
- Certificate of citizenship issued by the U.S. citizenship and immigration services
- Certification of report of birth issued by the U.S. Department of State
- Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the U.S.
- Other documents or methods of proof of U.S. citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant to the immigration and nationality act of 1952
- American Indian card, with KIC classification, issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and U.S. birthplace
- Extract from a U.S. hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's place of birth in the U.S.
- Driver's license or nondriver's identification card issued by Kansas or another state, *if it has a notation indicating that the person has provided satisfactory proof of U.S. citizenship*

What is the SAFE Act?

The SAFE Act contains three major parts:

1. Photo voter ID

Each voter must show photo identification each election, with certain specific exceptions.

2. Identification and security of advance ballots sent by mail

Voters who request advance ballots by mail must submit either their driver's license numbers or copies of photographic identification documents. The security of ballots being returned by mail is enhanced through the following methods:

- By-mail advance voters must personally sign their ballot applications.
- By-mail advance voters must personally mail or deliver their ballots to the election office or, if not, designate in writing other persons to mail or deliver their ballots.
- Designated ballot delivery persons must sign statements that they did not unduly influence the voters' decisions and that they will mail or deliver the ballots as directed by the voters.

3. Citizenship verification

Each person registering to vote must provide proof of U.S. Citizenship.

NOTE: This provision goes into effect January 1, 2013

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