

INSIDE THE POLLS

Polk County Election Official Newsletter



One Hour Captain Training Sessions

Understanding the 2018 Voter ID Requirements

Week of April 16
Election Office

Week of April 30
Election Office

Week of May 14
Election Office

(3) 90 minute sessions per day
Monday—Friday

Upcoming Events

May 29—May 31

Election Official Training
River Place

June 1

Election Captain Training
River Place

June 5

Primary Election

November 6

General Election

Know someone who wants to work?

Do you have a friend, neighbor or family member who might be interested in working have them contact the Election Office at **286-3253**

VOTER ID LAW IN EFFECT

New rules requiring poll workers to ask voters for identification went into effect this year. Polk County voters were introduced to this for the first time when they voted in the Sales Tax Special Election on March 6. On Election Day, Election Officials will need to ask for ID from every voter requesting a ballot.

The **most common ID** that voters will provide will be their **Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID**. However, voters can also use a U.S. passport, U.S. military ID, Veteran's ID, an ID card issued by employer or a student ID issued by an Iowa

high school or college. Any voter without an ID issued through the DOT has been sent a voter ID card which (if signed) can be shown at the polls to prove identity.

In **2018**, if a voter does not have identification but they are pre-registered (in the black election register) they can **sign an oath of ID and vote on the machine** just like voters who have identification. Voters without identification can also have an attester or use the Election Day Registration procedures to vote. If the voters name is **not in the election register, they will need to vote a provisional ballot**.

If a voter is pre-registered (in the black election book),



but their address on their ID does not match what the election register says (such as an out of state drivers license), the voter votes on the machine as the election register book address is what the poll worker should use, not the identification.

We will be covering all this in more detail at our School of Instruction. In the meantime, if you have **questions, please contact the Election Office at 286-3253**.

PRIMARY ELECTION REMINDER



The Primary Election is June 5, which is just around the corner!

For the Primary Election, voters of each party will choose the party's candidate for the General Election held on November 6. This is a midterm year, so statewide offices (Governor, Attorney General, etc.) will be on the ballot. All representatives in the Iowa House will also be on the ballot along with State Senators in certain districts. At the county level, there will be three Board of Supervisors seats up along with the County Attorney,

County Treasurer and County Recorder. All seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are also on the ballot.

In Iowa, in order to vote for candidates of a particular party, the voter must be registered with that party. **Voters can change their party affiliation on Election Day.**

Speaking of parties, another **big change** for the primary is having a **Libertarian ballot**. That means each precinct will have ballots for Democrats, Republicans and Libertarians.

If you have any **questions** about the primary, particularly about changing party affiliation, please contact the Election Office at **286-3253**.