

1 08 NCAC 17 .0107 is proposed for adoption under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **08 NCAC 17 .0107 VOTER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD**

4 (a) **Request.** A voter may request a voter photo identification card free of charge in person at the county board of
5 elections in the county where the voter is registered to vote. The request shall be made on a form prescribed by the
6 State Board of Elections Office and available on the State Board website and in the county board of elections office.
7 The form shall include prompts for the voter’s full name, voter’s date of birth, the last four digits of the voter’s Social
8 Security number, the voter’s signature or mark, and the date of request. If the information provided by the voter
9 matches the information on the voter registration on file with the county board of elections, the county board shall
10 issue the card. The county board shall not refuse to issue a card because the voter registration does not contain the
11 last four digits of the voter’s Social Security number. The request may be made at the county board of elections office
12 or at any other location in the county, including a one-stop early voting site, if the location is designated by an
13 affirmative vote of the county board.

14 (b) **Issuance.** Once the county board of elections determines it shall issue the voter photo identification card, it shall
15 take a photograph of the voter. If the face of the voter is covered, the county board shall give the voter the opportunity
16 to remove the covering but shall not require removal. If the voter declines to remove the covering, the county board
17 shall inform the voter that a voter photo identification card cannot be produced while the voter’s face is covered and
18 shall inform the voter of the ability to vote provisionally due to religious objection to being photographed pursuant to
19 G.S. 163A-1145.1(d)(1).

20 (c) **Simultaneous registration and request.** A voter may register to vote and request a voter photo identification
21 card simultaneously in person at the county board of elections office or other approved location in the county where
22 the voter seeks to register to vote. The county board of elections shall immediately process the voter registration form
23 as soon as it is received and, if the voter appears eligible to vote based on the voter registration form, the county board
24 of elections shall process the voter registration, assign a voter registration number to the voter, and issue a voter photo
25 identification card to the voter. For the purposes of this Rule, “immediately” means without any delay.

26 (d) **Timing of issuance.** Voter photo identification cards shall be issued at any time, except during the time period
27 between the end of one-stop voting for a primary or election as provided in G.S. 163A-1300 and Election Day for
28 each primary and election. A county board of election shall process a request for voter photo identification at the time
29 it is received and immediately shall issue the card to the voter.

30 (e) **Replacement card.** If a registered voter loses or defaces the voter’s photo identification card, the registered voter
31 may obtain a duplicate card without charge from his or her county board of elections upon request in person, by
32 telephone, or by mail. Cards may not be requested by any other method, including e-mail. In making the request, the
33 voter shall provide the voter’s name and the voter’s date of birth or last four digits of the voter’s Social Security
34 number. If the information provided by the voter matches the information on file with the county board of elections,
35 the county board shall issue the replacement card. If the request is by telephone or mail, the county board shall mail
36 the card to the mailing address in the voter’s voter registration file.

1 (f) **Name change.** If a registered voter has a change of name and has updated his or her voter registration to reflect
2 the new name, the registered voter may request and obtain a replacement card from the registered voter's county board
3 of elections by providing the registered voter's date of birth and the last four digits of the registered voter's Social
4 Security number in person, by telephone, or by mail. If the information provided by the voter matches the information
5 on file with the county board of elections, the county board shall issue the replacement card. If the request is by
6 telephone or mail, the county board shall mail the card to the mailing address on the voter's voter registration file. The
7 voter may use the form required in subsection (a) to update the name on his or her voter registration record if the form
8 includes the voter's date of birth, the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, and the voter's signature
9 or mark.

10 (g) **Content and design of card.** The Executive Director of the State Board shall prescribe the design of the card. A
11 voter photo identification card shall contain only the following information unique to the voter:

- 12 (1) A photograph of the voter;
- 13 (2) The voter's full name;
- 14 (3) The voter's voter registration number; and
- 15 (4) Expiration date.

16 The card may also contain a barcode including any of the information listed in this Paragraph.

17 (h) **Photograph of voter not a public record.** A photograph of a voter created pursuant to G.S. 163A-869.1 and this
18 Rule may be viewed by the public but may not be copied or reproduced except by election officials for election
19 administration purposes. Any such copy or reproduction is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General
20 Statutes.

21 (i) **Validity.** A voter photo identification card shall be valid statewide for voting purposes.

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23 *Authority G.S. 163A-741; 163A-869.1(d).*