

Signing the Poll Book

Effective immediately, voters must sign or make their mark on the poll book in order to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter. Although there are two identical poll books, only one poll book requires a signature.

Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, simply tell the Election Officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. You do not need to disclose the nature of your disability to the Election Officials or to any observers. Election Officials will write the word "exempt" in your signature block.

An observer may challenge your ability to sign the poll book only if he or she has personal knowledge that you are physically capable of signing. If a challenge proceeds, you will take an oath that you are eligible to vote but unable to sign the poll book. You will then be issued a ballot.

Proof of Residency and Voter Registration Changes

You now must reside at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote, and you may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. If you do not have a utility bill, bank statement, Wisconsin ID, paycheck, government document, or lease in your own name at your current address, you should register more than 20 days before the election.

La Crosse County Clerk's Office countyclerkoffice@co.la-crosse.wi.us

608-785-9581

400 4th Street North Room 1210

La Crosse, WI 54601

Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

www.lacrossecounty.org

Voter Public Access

<https://vpa.wi.gov>

Municipal Clerk Information

City of La Crosse – Teri Lehrke - 608-789-7510
City of Onalaska – Cari Burmaster – 608-781-9530
Village of Bangor – Shelly Miller – 608-486-4084
Village of Holmen – Scott Heinig – 608-526-4336
Village of Rockland – Sue Donskey – 608-486-4037
Village of West Salem – Teresa Schnitzler – 608-786-1858
Town of Bangor – Peg Culpitt – 608-486-4543
Town of Barre – Sally Stelloh – 608-786-4105
Town of Burns - Jane Esser – 608-486-4159
Town of Campbell - Vacant – 608-783-0050
Town of Farmington – Betty Sacia – 608-526-3506
Town of Greenfield – Lois Meinking – 608-787-0400
Town of Hamilton - Sara Schultz – 608-786-1516
Town of Holland – Marilyn Pedretti – 608-526-3354
Town of Medary – Terry Houlihan – 608-781-2275
Town of Onalaska – Melissa Erdman – 608-783-4958
Town of Shelby – Cathy Onsager – 608-788-1032
Town of Washington – Barb Muenzenberger – 608-486-2297

Recent Changes to Wisconsin Election Laws

Effective in 2011 & 2012



Our goal is for all eligible voters to be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted.

Ginny Dankmeyer,
La Crosse County Clerk

October 13, 2011

Photo Identification

Beginning in 2012, you cannot cast a ballot until you show one of the following forms of photo ID.

Your photo ID does not need to show a current address.

Acceptable forms of Voter ID

- * Wisconsin driver's license expiring after 11/2/2010
- * Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card expiring after 11/2/2010
- * U.S. passport expiring after 11/2/2010
- * Military ID card expiring after 11/2/2010
- * Certificate of Naturalization issued within last 2 years
- * Unexpired Wisconsin driver's license or State ID receipt
- * ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- * Unexpired ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college – must contain issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within 2 years of issuance & proof of enrollment

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin ID card, you may obtain a **free** ID for purposes of voting. You must check a box on the DMV application to indicate that you need the ID for voting purposes.

In order to receive an ID from the DMV, you must present a certified birth certificate or passport; these documents are not free. We recommend applying for an ID as soon as possible.

You will not receive the ID immediately, it will be sent to you in the mail.

Contact your DMV service center for more information on obtaining a free ID for voting.

La Crosse Area DMV Service Center

9477 Highway 16 E.

Onalaska, WI 54650

1-800-924-3570

or

608-266-2353 (option #4)

www.dot.wisconsin.gov

Sunday	Closed
Monday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday	Closed

Hospitalized Voters

Hospitalized voters may appoint an agent to pick up their ballot from the Municipal Clerk's Office. The agent must present the hospitalized voter's photo ID to the Municipal Clerk's Office to receive the hospitalized voters ballot.

Provisional Ballots

Beginning in 2012, voters who are required but unable to provide photo ID will become provisional voters. This applies to both voters at the polls and absentee voters.

Provisional ballots are not counted unless the voter provides the Municipal Clerk's Office with an acceptable photo ID via e-mail, fax, or in-person by 4 p.m. the Friday after the election.

We want your vote to count!

Changes to Absentee Voting

Absentee voting in the Municipal Clerk's Office is now restricted to the two-week period before an election. Absentee voting ends at the close of business the Friday before the election.

The new law prohibits absentee voting the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before an election. Beginning in 2012, absentee voters in the Municipal Clerk's Office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls (see list on the left).

Absentee Ballot Requests

(Pending Legislation, changes may occur)

Beginning in 2012, absentee requests for ballots sent by mail or e-mail must be accompanied by a photocopy of an acceptable form of voter ID (see list on the left).

Once you have sent the Municipal Clerk's Office a photocopy of your ID, you will not need to send photocopies with future absentee ballot requests as long as you have not changed your name or address.

Photo ID Exemptions

Photo ID is not required for the following absentee voters:

- Voters on the permanent absentee list because they are indefinitely confined
- Nursing home residents who have their ballots delivered by a Special Voter Deputy
- Military Voters
- Voters who are permanently overseas