

Voter ID Fact Sheet

Brad Johnson's Proposal

Require voters to show government-issued photo identification at the polls on Election Day.

- Acceptable forms of photo identification include a driver's license, passport, military ID, tribal ID, etc.
- If a voter does not have the proper identification to vote, the state will issue an ID free of charge, or he or she will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot that will be certified through the same signature verification process used for mail-in ballots.

Model legislation after the Indiana Voter ID law.

- Upheld in a 6-3 decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in 2008.
- Justice John Paul Stevens¹: "Because Indiana's cards are free, the inconvenience of going to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, gathering required documents, and posing for a photograph does not qualify as a substantial burden on most voters' right to vote, or represent a significant increase over the usual burdens of voting."

Polling on Voter ID Requirements

Fact: Over 70 percent of Americans support requiring voters to show government-issued photo identification at the polls on Election Day.

1. Washington Post poll² (August 13, 2012): 74 percent support photo ID requirement
 - a. 60 percent of Democrats, 76 percent of Independents, 88 percent of Republicans
2. Rasmussen Reports poll³ (April 16, 2012): 72 percent support photo ID requirement

Fact: A majority of Americans do not consider a photo identification requirement discriminatory.

1. Rasmussen Reports poll⁴ (April 16, 2012): 73 percent say photo ID laws are not discriminatory
2. Rasmussen Reports poll⁵ (December 20, 2011): 69 percent say photo ID laws not discriminatory

Fact: A majority of Americans believe voter fraud is a serious or somewhat serious problem.

1. Rasmussen Reports poll⁶ (April 16, 2012): 64 percent say voter fraud is a serious or somewhat serious problem

Linda McCulloch on Voter ID

Fact: Linda McCulloch opposes legislation requiring voters to show government-issued photo identification at the polls on Election Day.⁷

Fact: According to IRS filings, Linda McCulloch accepted a maximum contribution in 2008 from the Secretary of State Project, a non-federal 527 that opposes requiring voters to show government-issued photo identification on Election Day.⁸

Fact: According to IRS filings and the Commissioner of Political Practices, the Secretary of State Project funneled \$148,000 in 2008 through Montanans for the Future attacking Brad Johnson and supporting Linda McCulloch.⁹

¹ *Crawford v. Marion County Election Bd.* 553 U.S. 181 (2008)

² http://www.washingtonpost.com/page/2010-2019/WashingtonPost/2012/08/12/National-Politics/Polling/question_6226.xml?uuiid=Nd4PSOTWEeGXOe75nF-yhQ#

³ http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/general_politics/april_2012/73_think_photo_id_requirement_before_voting_does_not_discriminate

⁴ http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/general_politics/april_2012/73_think_photo_id_requirement_before_voting_does_not_discriminate

⁵ http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/general_politics/december_2011/69_say_photo_id_voting_laws_are_not_discriminatory

⁶ http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/general_politics/april_2012/73_think_photo_id_requirement_before_voting_does_not_discriminate

⁷ <http://sos.mt.gov/news/archives/2011/March/032111.asp>

⁸ Secretary of State Project, IRS Form 8872 Post-General Election Report, 11/24/2008

⁹ Secretary of State Project, IRS Form 8872 Post-General Election Report, 11/24/2008