

## STATE OF IDAHO OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEN YSURSA

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Secretary of State Ben Ysursa would like to remind all voters of the change in voting procedures that went into effect July 1, 2010. The Idaho Legislature passed a law that requires all voters to show identification at the polls prior to voting.

Beginning with the August 3<sup>rd</sup> taxing district and special elections, all voters must bring their identification with them to the polls or sign a personal identification affidavit in order to vote. Acceptable forms of identification are:

- An Idaho driver's license or photo identification card.
- A U.S. passport or Federal photo identification card.
- A tribal photo identification card.
- A current student photo ID, issued by an Idaho high school or post secondary education institution.

If a voter is not able to show an acceptable ID, the voter will be given the option to sign the Personal Identification Affidavit. On the Affidavit, the voter swears to his/her identity under penalty of perjury. After signing the Affidavit, the voter will be issued a ballot to be tabulated with all other ballots.

"Although this is a new step in voting procedures, it is not an onerous requirement." said Secretary Ysursa. "So, bring your ID and vote!"