

INFORMATION FOR POLL WORKERS & ELECTION OFFICIALS

You are talking to a voter whose gender identity or presentation might be or appear different from the gender (i.e., “sex” marker) that was recorded on their birth certificate. This is NOT illegal and this person can still vote.

A voter might be in this situation for many reasons, such as a medical condition; clerical error at birth; being transgender, gender non-conforming, or intersex; or any number of other reasons. A voter’s gender identity and medical history are private. Asking personal questions can be offensive and inappropriate, is irrelevant to their right to vote, and should be avoided.

Here is some information that might be useful to you:

- Gender discrepancies on ID are not a valid reason to deny a ballot in Missouri. As long as the relevant voter data (name and address) matches one of the acceptable forms of ID, the voter has the right to vote in Missouri. People are sometimes unable to update their IDs to reflect their identity for a number of reasons, including state laws, financial barriers, and not being able to find legal help to complete the process. This does not mean their ID is invalid or fraudulent for voting purposes.
- Different clothing, makeup, or hairstyle on an ID photo is not a valid reason to deny a regular ballot in Missouri. Voters may look different today than on their photo ID for many reasons.
- This voter is not doing anything wrong—they are being themselves. All Missourians have the right to vote, provided they are registered, and it is your responsibility to ensure they can do so without hassle.

If you are still confused about this person’s right to vote, please speak to your election supervisor, an election judge in your area, or the ACLU of Missouri by emailing showmyrights@aclu-mo.org.

This information is not intended as legal advice.