



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3505.19 Affidavit of religious objection to being photographed.

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(A) An elector who does not have photo identification because the elector has a religious objection to being photographed may complete an affidavit of religious objection in lieu of providing photo identification for the purpose of casting a provisional ballot.

(B) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the affidavit of religious objection, which shall be substantially as follows:

"Affidavit of Religious Objection

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (first and last name of elector), declare under penalty of election falsification that I do not have photo identification because I have a sincere religious objection to being photographed.

The last four digits of my Social Security number are: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signature of individual)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE."

(C) Upon receiving a completed affidavit of religious objection, the board of elections shall transmit the information in the affidavit to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall consult the database of the bureau of motor vehicles to determine whether the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar has issued a currently unexpired photo identification to the elector and shall notify the board of the result.



(D) An affidavit of religious objection is not valid if either of the following apply:

(1) The last four digits of the elector's social security number, as provided on the affidavit, are different from the last four digits of the elector's social security number in the statewide voter registration database.

(2) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar has issued a currently unexpired photo identification to the elector.

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