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Re: Elections

I will admit that I don't always participate in every election. But when I do, the lack of security has always bothered me. And by that I mean- no one is verifying my identity. The first time I voted, I was shocked that I didn't have to present my ID. They just asked for my name and checked me off the registered voter list. Anyone can enter, give a name and vote. If I wasn't an honest person, I could have given my mother's name, a neighbor or friend's and voted in their place.

We are deciding who is going to represent us in public office, on the local, state and national level. Only United States Citizens, who have taken the time to register to vote- should be able to vote. I have to present ID to pick up tickets at a box office. I have to present ID to check into a hotel or board an airplane. I don't think it's unreasonable to expect voters to present ID and prove that they are who they say they are before they cast their vote.