

## Henry County Clerk's Office to offer ID upgrades

Beginning October 17, Henry County Clerk's office will be able to add a photo at no charge to driver's license for registered voters who currently have a non-photo license.

County Clerk Donna Craig signed a contract this week to begin the free upgrades later this month and continue it through March 2012, as the state prepares voters for a new law requiring photo ID at the polls.

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons has been working with county clerks, whose offices can provide license duplicates and renewals, across the state to roll out the new program. The General Assembly dedicated about \$430,000 to cover free photo IDs for registered voters and photo upgrades for drivers with non-photo licenses.

State law allows drivers who are 60 and older to remove their photos from their licenses during renewal periods. More than 126,000 registered voters statewide have removed their photos. Craig has checked with the Henry County Election Commission and has been told that 946 of those are in Henry County.

Craig has agreed to waive the County's \$4.00 fee to convert from non-photo to photo license. The county clerk's office will only be able to assist licensed drivers who need to add a photo. People seeking the free photo ID who do not currently have a license can go to a Driver Service Center here in Paris.

The County Clerk's office offers this service from 8:00am until 11:00am, and from 1:00 pm until 4:00pm Monday through Friday. They do not issue Driver's License during the lunch hour, due to high volume of customers and short staff.

For additional information, please contact the clerk's office at 642-2412