

OPPOSE » SAFEGUARD AMERICAN VOTER ELIGIBILITY (SAVE) AMERICA ACT

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S. 128 / S. 3752 Sen. Mike Lee
H.R. 22 / H.R. 7296 Rep. Chip Roy

The SAVE Act and its expanded successor, the SAVE America Act, would require all Americans to present documentary proof of citizenship, typically a passport or birth certificate, to register or update their voter registration for federal elections. We strongly oppose this legislation and the damage it will inflict on our democracy and the citizens who participate in it. Noncitizen voting is already a federal crime and is vanishingly rare. These bills purport to solve a problem that does not exist and instead creates sweeping new barriers that would disenfranchise millions of eligible American citizens, including nurses, women, veterans, and low-income workers from participating in our nation's democracy. The original SAVE Act passed the House in April 2025 and the SAVE America Act passed the House in February 2026.

Noncitizen voting is a non-existent problem

- » Noncitizen voting is already a federal crime. Utah reviewed its entire two million-plus voter roll and found only one confirmed noncitizen registration and zero instances of noncitizen voting.⁴
- » Voters already attest to citizenship under penalty of perjury when registering²—this bill adds cost and bureaucracy without adding security.

Requiring expensive proof of citizenship documents to register to vote is harmful to eligible voters

- » Kansas passed a similar law in 2013 and blocked over 30,000 eligible voters—99 percent plus were U.S. citizens. The law was later struck down as unconstitutional.⁵
- » Over 21 million eligible citizens lack the restrictive ready proof of citizenship required under this law; 146 million Americans have no valid passport.¹⁶
- » **The SAVE Act will disproportionately disenfranchise:**
 - » **Women who changed their name**
~69 million American women lack documents that match their current legal name, making their birth certificate alone insufficient.⁷
 - » **Military and veterans**
Military IDs are not accepted alone; service members must also present proof of U.S. birthplace, and must repeat this process every time they move.⁸
 - » **Low-income and rural Americans**
In states like West Virginia, Mississippi, and Alabama, over 70 percent of residents lack a valid passport. Replacement documents are costly and time-consuming.⁷



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› **Disaster survivors, Native Americans, and young voters**

Those who have lost documents or have never obtained a passport face disenfranchisement.

The SAVE Act

- › Requires a passport or birth certificate¹ to register or re-register to vote — REAL IDs and standard military IDs do not qualify alone.
- › Mandates in-person submission of documents,² eliminating online and mail-in registration used by millions of Americans.
- › Imposes criminal penalties on election workers who process a registration without required documents, even for inadvertent administrative error.³
- › Requires states to conduct ongoing voter roll purges using federal databases — with no funding to implement.³

We strongly urge Senators and Members of Congress to OPPOSE this legislation and vote NO when it comes to the floor for a vote. Congress should be making it easier, not harder, for every single citizen to vote.

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