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What You Need to Know About the SAVE Acts

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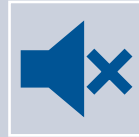
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Questions

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POLL!

Voter Suppression

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- Any attempt to prevent or discourage certain Americans from registering to vote or casting their ballot
- Often target specific groups based on race, ethnicity, political affiliation, age, or other aspects of voters' identities
- Include:
 - discriminatory voter ID and proof-of-citizenship restrictions
 - reduced polling place hours in communities of color
 - elimination of early voting
 - illegal purges of voters from the rolls

The SAVE Act

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- “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility” (SAVE) Act ([H.R.22](#))
- 118th Congress (2023-2025) passed House, did not get Senate vote
- 119th Congress (2025-2027) passed House, did not get Senate vote

Requirements

- Documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) in person to register to vote
 - IN PERSON EVERY time a voter re-registers/updates voter registration
- Voter roll maintenance/purges of noncitizen voters

The SAVE America Act

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- *SAVE America Act* passed House 2026
 - SAVE Act 2.0
 - Adds requirement to show ID at the polls



Requirements

- Documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) in person to register to vote
 - EVERY time a voter re-registers/updates voter registration
- *NEW* requires photo ID to cast a ballot
- Voter roll maintenance/purges of noncitizen voters
 - Requires states to submit a list of all eligible voters in the state to the DHS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system

Document Requirements

- “A form of identification issued consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 **that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United States.**”
- Valid United States passport
- US military ID together with military record showing US citizenship
- Valid government photo ID card together with one or more of the following:
 - Certified birth certificate
 - Naturalization certificate
 - American Indian Card

Amendments

- House amendments have:
 - Proposed more ambiguous guidelines for proving your identity
 - States must outline policies to accept proof of name change documentation, together with a birth certificate to prove citizenship
 - Exempted deployed active-duty voters from showing ID to cast a ballot
- Proposed Senate amendments would:
 - Ban gender affirming care for minors
 - Ban trans girls in sports

The Make Elections Great Again (MEGA) Act

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- Requires:
 - DPOC to register to vote
 - Photo ID to vote
 - Requires mail-in ballots to be received by election day
 - Requires states to use auditable paper ballots
- Bans:
 - universal vote by mail
 - “ballot harvesting”
 - ranked choice voting in federal elections

Impacts of All Three Bills

Impacted Communities

- Voters who have changed their name
- Rural voters
- Voters of color
- Voters who have lost homes/possessions, i.e. natural disasters
- Disabled voters, especially voters with mobility challenges physically getting to the election office
- Military voters who move often

Impacts and Implementation Challenges

- Widespread voter disenfranchisement
- Undermine mail-in voter registration
 - requires in-person presentation of citizenship documentation
- Likely end of online voter registration
- Likely end of third-party voter registration
- Chilling effect on election officials/employees due to criminal penalties for incorrectly registering a voter

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- House passed SAVE Act 2025
- House passed SAVE America Act Feb. 2026
 - Senate currently debating
- House Administration Committee held a hearing on the MEGA Act

Senate Debate of SAVE America Act

- Debate needs 60 votes to end and proceed to vote on the bill
- 53 Republicans, 47 Democrats in the Senate
- All Democrats have spoken in opposition, plus Sen. Murkowski (R-AK)

Executive Response

- Executive order on voting, March 2025
- DOJ demands state voter data
- President calls to "nationalize" elections, "take over voting," and change voting requirements without Congress

League Response

- LWWUS [testimony](#) against MEGA Act, Feb. 10
- Federal Lobby Corps held about 100 meetings with House and Senate offices
- State Leagues lobbied their Senators directly
- LWWUS sent 6 [letters](#) to all members of the House and Senate opposing the SAVE Act in the past year
 - LWWUS joined many additional partner letters to Congress

Take Action

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- [Action Alert](#) to tell your Senators to vote No!
- You can also call your Senators and use these [talking points](#)
- Share on social media, tag members of Congress on posts that you share!

Questions?

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