



# **Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act**

**“SAVE Act”**

# **Documentary proof of Citizenship in order to register or reregister to vote**



- Valid US Passport
- Military id card PLUS US military record of service showing place of birth in USA
- Valid gov't issued photo id issued by Fed, State or Tribal showing place of birth USA
- Certified birth certificate from the state , filed in the state, lists full name of at least one parent, signed by Fed, State, Tribal...
  - Includes certification date,
  - Has seal of the state, local gov or tribe
- Hospital Record extract proving in a State,
- Adoption Papers showing adoptee born in USA,
- Consular Report of birth of US Citizen abroad
- Naturalization papers
- American Indian Card issued by Homeland Security with KIC



# **Unfunded mandate in effect 30 days after enactment.**

## **Brennan Center for Justice:**

- 21 million Americans : no readily available documents to prove their citizenship
- Disproportionate impact on people of color and women
- Must register in person with certified citizenship documents by an official so **no on-line registration or re-registration drives**, no postcard change of address, etc.
- Officials who register a noncitizen face criminal liability

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/dangers-congresss-latest-election-bill>



# **SAVE Act's Costs and Barriers on the “free” exercise of the vote.**

- **Married and divorced women:** may not have reasonable access to original name-change records.
- **Low-income:** Cost of obtaining necessary certified documents burdensome or prohibitive
- **Rural and elderly voters** -Limited access to government offices and transportation to acquire required documents.
- **Military families and overseas voters:** Spouses and dependents of service members often move frequently and may not have timely or any access to the necessary paperwork.
- **Newly eligible 18 yr olds:** must register in person with the certified documentation.



# 70% of Married Women change their last names

## Most Americans have never changed their last names

Is your current surname or last name... (%)

### U.S. adult citizens

The last name on my birth certificate    A different last name



### Men

The last name on my birth certificate    A different last name



### Women

The last name on my birth certificate    A different last name



*Note: Responses of "not sure" are not shown. Responses of "a different last name that I changed to as a child," "a different last name that I change to when I got married," and "a different last name that I changed to as an adult for a reason other than marriage" are combined.*

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# **Impact on Transgender Community**

- **Many transgender may not have legally updated their birth certificates to match their current name and gender.**
- **Discrepancies between their birth certificate and other forms of identification**



# **Text of the SAVE Act**

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/22/text>