Indiana Has New Voter Laws

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New laws passed in 2024 and 2025 impact how some Hoosiers register and stay registered to vote.

WHAT ARE THE NEW LAWS?

HEA 1264 (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025)

What it does:

- Indiana now compares voter registration records with BMV temporary credential data.
- If the state flags a voter, county officials must notify them.
- Voters have 30 days to provide proof of U.S. citizenship.

If proof is not provided

- The voter's registration will be canceled.

HEA 1680 (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025)

What it does:

- Requires proof of citizenship if someone registers using a BMV temporary credential ID or license number.

If proof is not provided

- The voter registration application will be rejected after 30 days.

WHAT COUNTS AS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP?

How to submit: In person at your county election office

- U.S. birth certificate
- U.S. passport
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- Other documents allowed under federal immigration law

WHY ARE PEOPLE CONCERNED?

Flawed & Unreliable Data

The laws rely on BMV temporary credential data, which may be outdated or inaccurate. This has already led to eligible citizens being wrongly flagged.

Disproportionate Impact on Naturalized Citizens

- These laws affect naturalized U.S. citizens, not people born in the U.S.
- Naturalized voters may face extra costs, time, and barriers just to stay registered.
- Similar tactics have historically been used to disenfranchise voters of color.

Difficulty Meeting the 30-Day Deadline

- Less than half of Americans have a passport.
- Many people don't have easy access to their birth certificate.
- Tight timelines can result in eligible voters losing their right to vote.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- Check your voter registration status regularly
- Open and respond to any mail from election officials immediately
- Gather citizenship documents now if you've ever had a temporary BMV credential

If you need help, call a nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline:

- 866-OUR-VOTE (English)
- 888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish)
- 844-YALLA-US (Arabic)
- 888-API-VOTE(Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese)

If You Receive a Proof of Citizenship Notice

Indiana law requires some voters to respond if their county election office requests proof of citizenship.

Do not panic — you have time and options.

1 DO NOT IGNORE THE NOTICE

If you have received a notice from your county voter registration office asking whether you are a citizen who is eligible to vote, you have 30 days to respond or your voter registration will be canceled.

2 GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS

(1) A birth certificate OR (2) A U.S. passport OR (3) A naturalization document or Certificate of Citizenship OR (4) Consular Report of Birth Abroad

3 SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION

Deliver a copy of your citizenship document to your county election office within the 30-day window either in person or by mail.

4 CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION

You can contact your county election office directly to check your voter registration states after submitting documentation. Find your county election office: https://indianavoters.in.gov/CountyContact/Index

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