

Decline to Sign: Documentary Evidence of Citizenship

This is the summary of the petition currently circulating:

“Constitutional amendment to: require citizenship verification for all voters through statewide program, document submission, or provisional voting; require removing noncitizens

after notice and 45-day rebuttal; require proof of citizenship by showing birth certificate, passport, and/or other documents; track separate federal and state/local election eligibility requirements; beginning 11/2/2027, prohibit counting ballots from voters with unverified citizenship unless documents shown to election administrator within 6 days post-election ; eliminate affidavit alternative for voters without photo-ID; require photo-ID, or driver's license or partial social security number to vote absentee; require state-funded hardship program for obtaining required documents; subject violators to \$1,000 fine and/or up to 5 years imprisonment.

The full text of the proposal to amend Article 2, Section 1 and Article 2, Section 4 of the constitution appears on the reverse side of this petition, along with provisions of the existing constitution which would be altered or abrogated if the proposal is adopted.”

2.2 Million Michigan Women don't have a birth certificate with their legal married name.

39.7 % of Michigan residents have a passport

In Kansas, the 1st election after implementation, more than 31,000 US Citizens were blocked from registering.

In Arizona in the Nov 24 election, 34,933 Us Citizens were limited to voting federal only, not state or local, due to their new documentation law.

It adds a large burden for the voters. Given the experience in other states that have tried this (Arizona, Kansas, New Hampshire), it would disenfranchise many, many more citizens than the number of non-citizens voting today. <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/effects-requiring-documentary-proof-citizenship> , https://www.nhpr.org/nh-news/2025-03-11/nhs-new-id-requirements-send-some-would-be-voters-home-to-grab-passports-birth-certificates?utm_source=Bolts&utm_campaign=32aab50a11-newsletter31825&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_56d2c0db9c-32aab50a11-599776724

It is also a large expense. Once a person has gotten a driver's license, they should have enough data on file that a future name change, house fire, move to assisted living, or whatever, should not require that they have to track down new copies of those initial documents to vote. It is ALREADY on file.

To apply for a 1st time driver's license in the State of Michigan:

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/all-services/first-time-license-or-id>

“You are required to provide one of the following legal presence documents:

- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- Certified birth certificate with stamp or raised seal issued by a U.S. government unit or U.S. territory government office
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the U.S. State Department (FS-240, DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550, N-570 or N-578)
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (I-551) or other evidence of permanent residency (I-551 visa/stamp in passport or on I-94)
- Valid Employment Authorization Document (I-766)
- Valid, unexpired foreign passport with U.S. visa and evidence of entry:
 - F-visa holders: Form I-20
 - J-visa holders: DS-2019
 - Not acceptable: B1 and B2 visas and WB, and WT visa stamps
- Other immigration documents that show legal presence and/or ability to work in the U.S., including Form I-94, State Department bio-data form, and supervision documents (other documents may be accepted)
- Expired immigration documents along with Form I-797 (Notice of Action) showing that new documents have been applied for

Documents may need to be verified by the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) System. Per state and federal law, we are required to verify an individual's immigration status through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service SAVE verification system before issuing or renewing a Michigan license or ID.”

We already prove our citizenship to the Michigan Secretary of State. The database that holds this info is what the clerks check before registering a voter.