



## Proof of Citizenship Requirements for Registration

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### Background

Proof of citizenship laws require individuals to provide documents such as a passport or original birth certificate to be registered to vote. This is despite federal law already making it a crime for noncitizens to vote and requiring registrants to swear they are eligible under penalty of perjury.

Proponents of these requirements claim these additional measures are necessary to prevent noncitizens from voting, even though [repeated evidence](#) shows the rates of noncitizens voting is extremely rare, and most often due to honest mistakes. In addition, existing [safeguards](#) already prevent ineligible individuals from voting. These laws disproportionately impact marginalized communities, create immense administrative and cost burdens on election officials, and disrupt current registration systems.

### Scoring

- If state has a proof of citizenship requirement for registration, -1 point
- If state does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration, 0 points

### Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration	47 states & D.C.	Alabama Alaska Arkansas Colorado Connecticut Delaware D.C. Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Maine Maryland



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		Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota* Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming
<b>State has a proof of citizenship requirement for registration</b>	3 states	Arizona New Hampshire Louisiana



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## State-by-State Sources and More Detail

### Alabama (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### Alaska (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### Arizona (-1)

- State has a proof of citizenship requirement for registration ([Arizona Revised Statutes Sec. 1-16-101](#))
- Note: In part due to court decisions, Arizona's registration is bifurcated, and voters who do not provide proof of citizenship when registering are classified as "federal only" voters, who are not permitted to vote in state elections. Multiple bills have been passed attempting to require proof of citizenship to vote in federal elections, but these have been blocked by court decisions. Litigation is ongoing.

### Arkansas (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### California (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### Colorado (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### Connecticut (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### Delaware (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

### D.C. (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.



Florida (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Georgia (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Hawaii (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Idaho (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Illinois (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Indiana (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Iowa (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Kansas (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Kentucky (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Louisiana (-1)

- State has a proof of citizenship requirement for registration ([LA SB 436](#) (2024)).

Maine (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Maryland (0)

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Massachusetts (0)

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Michigan (0)

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Minnesota (0)

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Mississippi (0)

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Missouri (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Montana (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Nebraska (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Nevada (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

New Hampshire (-1)

- State has a proof of citizenship requirement for registration ([NH HB 1569](#) (2024)).

New Jersey (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

New Mexico (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

New York (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.



North Carolina (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

North Dakota (0)

- North Dakota does not require voter registration.

Ohio (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Oklahoma (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Oregon (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Pennsylvania (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Rhode Island (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

South Carolina (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

South Dakota (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Tennessee (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Texas (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Utah (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Vermont (0)

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Virginia (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Washington (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

West Virginia (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Wisconsin (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

Wyoming (0)

- State does not have a proof of citizenship requirement for registration.

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