

Stop the SAVE America Act! Advocacy Toolkit

Active Campaign: Ongoing

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OVERVIEW



PROTECT OUR VOTE: TELL THE SENATE TO VOTE NO!

Send Your Letter to Congress TODAY: <https://bit.ly/NoSAVEAct>

The **SAVE America Act** is a voter suppression bill that makes it harder for virtually every community member to vote. It requires in-person proof of citizenship to register and to vote. This means millions of eligible voters who don't have the time or resources to obtain a valid birth certificate or passport, have changed their names, don't live at home because they are students, and many more would lack the necessary credentials to vote in upcoming elections! This bill disproportionately affects marginalized communities.

At its core, the bill attempts to address a problem that does not exist: non-citizen voting. There is **no evidence** of widespread voter tampering by non-citizens. However, there is much more evidence that this bill would create a burden of proof for eligible citizens to vote and actively participate in our democracy.

The SAVE America Act creates an unconstitutional "tax" on voting. As TSA standards move toward REAL ID, many citizens are already navigating a costly and time-consuming application process. Adding passport or certified birth certificate requirements to the voting process not only compounds time and cost commitments but creates a 'pay-to-play' system that unfairly targets low-income and working Americans.

By removing mail-in ballot options, the bill creates geographic barriers for seniors, persons with disabilities, rural residents, and students living away from home. No American should be forced to choose between their health, education, or their job and their right to vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO-DATE:

- **May 2024**– The (original) Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act – H.R.8281 is introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **July 2024**– The U.S. House of Representatives passes the SAVE Act yet it fails to pass in the U.S. Senate during the 118th Congress.
- **January 2025**– The U.S. House of Representatives reintroduces the SAVE Act as H.R. 22.
- **April 2025**– The U.S. House of Representatives passes the SAVE Act; it was not voted on in the U.S. Senate.
- **January 2026**– The (new) SAVE America Act – H.R.7296 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. This version of the bill includes a requirement for local/ state election officials to utilize federal data sources such as the “SAVE system” to verify voters and creates a private right of action for individuals to bring lawsuits against election officials who fail to enforce the mandates.
- **February 2026**– The U.S. House of Representatives passes the SAVE America Act, and it is moved to the U.S. Senate as S.3752/ S.1383 (the latter, originally a veterans–related bill).
- **March 2026**– The U.S. Senate opens the bill for debate, and it remains under discussion.

[CLICK HERE](https://issueone.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Appendix_-_Summary-of-Provisions-in-the-SAVE-SAVE-America-and-MEGA-Acts.pdf) for a comparison of the SAVE Act, SAVE America Act, and Make Elections Great Again (MEGA) Act: https://issueone.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Appendix_-_Summary-of-Provisions-in-the-SAVE-SAVE-America-and-MEGA-Acts.pdf



TAKE ACTION: The National Urban League Movement stands firmly **against attacks on voting rights** across the country! Collectively we will make our voices heard through a coordinated letter and social media campaign expressing our strong opposition to this unconstitutional voting bill!

The purpose of the “**Stop the SAVE America Act**” activation:

1. Engage directly with Members of Congress to demand voting rights protections and urge them to “Vote NO” on the SAVE America Act and similar bills that restrict access to the ballot for millions of eligible voters.
2. Raise public awareness about the reality of this bill and the many voters across the country who will be impacted, including low-income and working Americans, women, students, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

KEY TALKING POINTS:

- The SAVE America Act places a **restrictive burden of proof** for citizenship that requires in-person proof of citizenship (passport or birth certificate) to register to vote.
- The SAVE America Act threatens to disenfranchise millions of eligible voters, with a **disproportionate impact on marginalized communities**.
- **21+ million** Americans lack easy access to passports or birth certificates.
- There is currently no evidence of widespread non-citizen voting, meaning the SAVE America Act is the **solution to nonexistent problem**.
- If the SAVE America Act passes, current acceptable forms of identification such as state-issued driver's licenses, **REAL IDs**, and student IDs would not be sufficient to vote.
- Only **~6% of voters** currently register in person, the SAVE America Act's in person mandate would **eliminate online and mail** voter registration drastically changing how most people participate in our democracy.
- The bill **eliminates voter registration drives**, which are especially important for communities of color.
- **Automatic voter registration** systems could also be severely weakened or **eliminated**.
- Eligible voters would need to **re-register in person for minor updates** (moving, name change, party switch, etc.).

Impact to Women & Other Americans with Name Changes

- The SAVE America Act's documentation requirements create hurdles for anyone whose current legal name differs from their birth certificates.
- The SAVE America Act's impact to woman who have changed their names due to marriage could be massive registration delays or denials.

Impact to Disability & Accessibility

- The SAVE America Act would eliminate mail-in registration and require in-person voting, which may create barriers for many with disabilities.
- For many with disabilities who face transportation and mobility barriers, the SAVE America Act makes it harder to obtain the legal documents required to register and vote in-person.
- The SAVE America Act limits automatic registration and registration assistance currently available to voters with disabilities, impacting those unable to register independently.
- The SAVE America Act further exacerbates existing inequalities in voting access for persons with disabilities and could significantly reduce their participation in the electoral process.

Impact to Seniors

- The SAVE America Act creates challenges for seniors unable to travel in person to register due to mobility, health, or transportation barriers.
- The SAVE America Act's birth certificate requirement may pose an issue for seniors who were not born in hospitals or whose birth records have been lost.
- The SAVE America Act's elimination of mail-in registration removes a key access point to the ballot that many seniors rely on.
- These barriers created by the SAVE America Act could significantly reduce electoral participation for seniors, one of the country's most consistent voting populations.

Impacts to Local Governments & Election Administrators

- The SAVE America Act would create major administrative burdens for local election administrators and expose them to legal penalties for mistakes or failures to follow federal mandates.
- In addition to long lines, delays, and reduced participation, the SAVE America Act would lead to confusion, chaos, and rushed implementation timelines.



TIMELINE FOR ACTION

ONGOING: Engage by sending letters to your Senators sharing your opposition to the SAVE America Act and similar bills. Let them know that we need them to hold the line against voter suppression and **stand with voters!**

ONGOING: Amplify our call to action by resharing information about the rise of voter suppression policies and its implications for upcoming elections across the country! Post our "selected social media messaging" and graphics from our Toolkit on your social media platforms at least **THREE TIMES!**

SEND EMAILS & CALL YOUR SENATORS TODAY!

- **Send them a letter:** Tap link to send a message to your Senators: <https://bit.ly/NoSAVEAct>
- **Call them:** **202-224-3121** (This is the Capitol Switchboard. Give your Senators' names and ask to be connected to their offices)

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES TO FOLLOW:

[@naturbanleague](#) (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram & YouTube)

SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAG: #PROTECTOURVOTE #NOSAVEACT #STOPTHESAVEACT

GRAPHICS & OTHER DIGITAL ASSETS

LINK TO GRAPHICS FOLDER: [Stop SAVE America Act Graphics for Download](#)

DEFEND DEMOCRACY

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IS ON THE LINE

The SAVE America Act could make it harder for millions to cast a ballot.

URGE EVERY SENATOR TO VOTE NO!
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ARE YOU A MARRIED WOMAN?

If you changed your last name, your birth certificate alone may not be enough to vote.

The SAVE America Act could force you to pay for new documents and wait longer to cast a ballot.

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DO YOU VOTE BY MAIL?

The SAVE America Act could effectively end mail-in voting for millions.

Students. Seniors. Veterans. Workers.

If you can't show up in person, your vote could be at risk.

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DO YOU HAVE A PASSPORT?

21 million eligible U.S. voters don't have a passport or easy access to a birth certificate.

The SAVE America Act could force Americans to pay for documents just to vote. That's a poll tax in practice and unconstitutional.

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THE SAVE AMERICA ACT DOESN'T SOLVE A PROBLEM.

It creates problems for eligible citizens.

Voting by non-citizens is already a federal felony.

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ACT NOW:

Don't let the SAVE Act make voting harder.

OUR VOTE COUNT

URGE EVERY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO VOTE NO!
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LINK TO CAMPAIGN QR CODE:

