

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 351 (HB 307)

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New law requires, unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, a state agency or political subdivision to verify whether an applicant, who applies for federal, state, or local public benefits, is a citizen of the U.S.

New law requires a state agency or political subdivision to make reasonable efforts to verify the applicant's citizenship or immigration status if an applicant is claiming U.S. citizenship or a satisfactory immigration status.

New law provides that, upon the termination of any reasonable opportunity period to verify citizenship status or receipt of a final verification that indicates that the applicant is not a citizen or lacks satisfactory immigration status, the state agency or political subdivision shall:

- (1) Refer the applicant's information, including unsatisfactory immigration status, to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- (2) Provide a monthly report compiling the applicant information reported to ICE to the secretary of state for voter list maintenance purposes.
- (3) Terminate any recurring federal, state, or local public benefits.

New law requires a state agency or political subdivision that administers federal or state public benefits to submit a report at the end of each fiscal year to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the governor of La., and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library on the results of the verification requirements including the number of individuals reported to ICE and the number of individuals whose benefits were terminated.

New law clarifies what is considered as federal, state, or local public benefits.

New law provides that verification of a public employee's U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status at the time of enrollment in a public retirement system shall satisfy the verification requirements of new law.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 46:233.4)