

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 436

BY SENATOR FESI

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides relative to voter registration. (1/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:102(A)(3) and 104(A)(6), relative to voter registration; to provide relative
3 to ineligible persons; to require proof of United States citizenship on an application
4 for registration; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:102(A)(3) and 104(A)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §102. Ineligible persons

8 A. No person shall be permitted to register or vote who is:

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10 **(3) Not a citizen of the United States of America.**

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12 §104. Application for registration; form

13 A. The secretary of state, subject to approval by the attorney general as to
14 content, shall prescribe the form that shall be used uniformly by each registrar in the
15 state and any person authorized to accept voter registration applications in registering
16 qualified citizens to vote. The form shall contain spaces for at least the following
17 required information to be provided by the applicant for the registrar of voters to

1 assess eligibility:

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3 **(6) Proof of American citizenship.**

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5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025; if vetoed by the
6 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
7 the day following such approval by the legislature or January 1, 2025, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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Present law provides no person shall be permitted to register or vote who is either under an order or imprisonment for conviction of a felony unless they have not been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years or interdicted after being judicially declared to be mentally incompetent.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that American citizenship is required to register to vote.

Present law provides that the voter registration application form must contain space for the applicant to provide his name, date of birth, place of residence, Louisiana driver's license number or special identification card number, if he has one, and the date of application.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires space for an applicant to provide proof of American citizenship.

Effective January 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 18:102(A)(3) and 104(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Change the effective date to January 1, 2025.