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SB 436 Engrossed

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Present constitution provides that no person who is not a citizen of the U.S. shall be allowed to register and vote in this state.

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 no person shall be permitted to register or vote who is not a citizen of the U.S.

Present law provides that the voter registration form shall include the questions "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?" and "Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?" and the statement "If you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions, do not complete the form.".

Proposed law further requires that proof of U.S. citizenship be attached to a voter registration application.

Effective January 1, 2025.

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

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Require proof of United States citizenship, rather than American citizenship.
2. Require proof of citizenship be attached to a voter registration application, rather than require a space on the registration form for proof of citizenship.
3. Make technical changes.