

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 691

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for the verification of citizenship of registered voters

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:49.2, relative to the verification of citizenship of registered voters; to
3 provide for submission of state voter information to the Systematic Alien
4 Verification for Entitlements program; to provide for investigation by the division
5 of election integrity into potential noncitizens who are registered to vote; to provide
6 for submitting investigatory findings to the appropriate prosecutorial agency; to
7 provide for the challenge to registration by the registrar of voters; to provide for the
8 duties of the secretary of state; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide
9 relative to appropriations; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 18:49.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §49.2. Systematic alien verification for entitlements program review

13 A. For purposes of this Section, "SAVE" means the Systematic Alien
14 Verification for Entitlements program administered by the U.S. Department of
15 Homeland Security.

16 B.(1) The secretary shall annually submit to SAVE a check against every
17 registrant in the state voter registration computer system for which the requisite state
18 data exists. The data shall be submitted prior to one hundred eighty days before a
19 regularly scheduled federal general election.

1 (2) The secretary shall submit the name of every potential noncitizen
2 registrant to the division of election integrity for investigation.

3 C. Upon receipt of the name of a potential noncitizen registrant from the
4 secretary, the division of election integrity shall conduct an investigation. If the
5 division determines that there may be a noncitizen registrant in the state voter
6 registration computer system, the division shall submit the findings of the
7 investigation to the appropriate prosecutorial agency for further investigation or
8 prosecution.

9 D. The secretary shall transmit any noncitizen matches verified by the
10 division of election integrity to the appropriate parish registrar of voters to challenge
11 the individual's registration in accordance with R.S. 18:193.

12 E. The secretary shall include the following information in the annual report
13 to the legislature provided for in R.S. 18:18(A)(4):

14 (1) The number of records checked against SAVE data during the prior year.

15 (2) The number of registrants challenged as potential noncitizens.

16 (3) The number of registrants whose voter registration was cancelled as a
17 noncitizen.

18 (4) Any recommendations for statutory or administrative improvements to
19 ensure voter registration list accuracy.

20 F. All SAVE data and related voter information shall be processed in a
21 secure environment consistent with state and federal data protection standards and
22 in accordance with R.S. 18:154 and the Public Records Law.

23 G. This Section shall apply only if SAVE remains available without cost to
24 the state or subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for state participation in the federal SAVE program and for the investigation of and challenge to the registration of potential noncitizens identified through the SAVE program.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to annually submit to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program administered by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (SAVE) a check against every registrant in the state voter registration computer system, for which the requisite state data exists. The data shall be submitted prior to 180 days before a regularly scheduled federal general election.

Proposed law requires the secretary to submit the name of every potential noncitizen registrant to the division of election integrity for investigation. If the division determines that there may be a noncitizen registrant in the state voter registration computer system, the division shall submit the findings of the investigation to the appropriate prosecutorial agency for further investigation or prosecution.

Proposed law requires the secretary to transmit any noncitizen matches verified by the division of election integrity to the appropriate parish registrar of voters to challenge the individual's registration in accordance with the present law procedures for challenge and cancellation of registered voters.

Present law requires the secretary to annually report to the legislature statistics and data relating to the registration of voters throughout the state.

Proposed law requires the secretary to include in the report required by present law the number of records checked against SAVE data during the prior year, the number of registrants challenged as potential noncitizens, the number of registrants whose voter registration was cancelled as a noncitizen, and any recommendations for statutory or administrative improvements to ensure voter registration list accuracy.

Proposed law provides that all SAVE data and related voter information shall be processed in a secure environment consistent with present law state and federal data protection standards and present law public records provisions.

Provides that proposed law shall apply only if SAVE remains available without cost to the state or subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

(Adds R.S. 18:49.2)