

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (“SAVE Act”) (H.R. 22)

One Pager—North Carolina

- The SAVE Act will prevent countless North Carolinians from voting or even registering to vote—**North Carolinians would not be able to register to vote using their driver license or other North Carolina-provided identification** unless it demonstrates American citizenship.
- **The North Carolina driver license does not indicate American citizenship**—nor does any state’s standard license—and **North Carolinians would therefore be unable to use their license alone to register to vote under the SAVE Act.**
 - The SAVE Act would potentially **disenfranchise more than two million women in North Carolina.**
 - The SAVE Act mandates that, if a registrant does not have a passport, they must present their photo identification alongside additional documentation, such as a birth certificate.
 - **But an estimated 2,310,422 North Carolina women have a name that does not match their birth certificate,** usually because they changed their name upon marriage. **The SAVE Act would prevent many of these women from registering to vote or casting a ballot.**
 - Further, **military voters would not be permitted to use their military ID alone** when registering.
 - Instead, the SAVE Act requires North Carolina servicemembers to go through the trouble of obtaining their service record to present alongside their military ID, **so long as the service record shows their place of birth was within the United States.**
 - If the North Carolina servicemember’s place of birth was not in the United States—perhaps because they were born abroad to military parents—**the SAVE Act would bar them from using their military ID at all to register to vote.**
 - Additionally, **the SAVE Act would disproportionately burden Native voters, including the many that live in North Carolina.**
 - The SAVE Act requires that Americans registering to vote show a form of identification that demonstrates American citizenship, or that the applicant was born in the United States, but **IDs issued by Tribal governments within North Carolina generally do not show place of birth or American citizenship.**
- **The SAVE Act would make North Carolinians’ lives more expensive.**
 - Roughly **56.3 percent of North Carolinians do not have passports**—at a cost of \$130 per passport, **the SAVE Act could force North Carolinians to pay over \$751 million just to register to vote.**
- **The SAVE Act would prevent North Carolinians from registering to vote by mail or online,** requiring an applicant to present documentary proof of citizenship **in person** at an appropriate election official’s office.
 - This means **that any servicemember deployed overseas will have to travel back to North Carolina** and physically visit an election office to register to vote.
 - This would also burden rural North Carolinians who live far from election offices.
- **The SAVE Act would disenfranchise rural North Carolinians** who often have limited access to governmental offices that would help them access documentary proof of citizenship—like passport services.
- **The SAVE Act is a federal takeover of North Carolina’s election administration** that will make it harder for North Carolinians to exercise their right to vote.
- The SAVE Act would **subject North Carolina election officials** to hefty criminal fines and **up to five years in federal prison** for simple mistakes—even if the registrant is an eligible American citizen.