


State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-136

CITIZENSHIP DISCLAIMER FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES TO PROTECT ELECTION INTEGRITY

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution grants citizenship to all natural born or naturalized citizens of the United States, and further states that the government cannot deny any such person of life, liberty, or property, without due process;

WHEREAS, the privilege to vote is the foundation of a democratic society and was secured and protected by those who have fought and served this country since its inception;

WHEREAS, the federal government has recognized the importance of voting and limited this privilege to only U.S. citizens by enacting the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 which prohibits all non-U.S. citizens, including unauthorized immigrants, from voting in federal elections;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution gives states the ability to determine eligibility of individual's right to vote in state elections;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has also recognized the importance of voting and limited this privilege to only U.S. citizens and Louisiana citizens by enacting Louisiana's Constitution, Article I, Section 10, which prohibits non-citizens from registering to vote or voting in any election;

WHEREAS, Since the Biden-Harris administration took office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has logged more than 7.8 million illegal border crossings, plus at least 1.5 million "gotaways" – that is, border crossers who were detected by CBP technology, but who were never apprehended;

WHEREAS, those persons who have failed to lawfully become United States citizens do not have a right to vote in Louisiana's elections;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is steadfast in protecting the integrity of our elections and will take every lawful action to protect our election integrity;

WHEREAS, any vote cast unlawfully is a dilution of the votes cast by individuals lawfully registered to vote in the United States, a privilege that is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and secured by our nation's veterans;

WHEREAS, Courts have held that, "It is fundamental to the definition of our national political community that foreign citizens do not have a constitutional right to participate in, and thus may be excluded from, activities of democratic self-government;"

WHEREAS, in order to maintain integrity in the electoral process and protect the accuracy of our voter rolls, we must ensure that non-citizens who are ineligible to vote will not be placed on voter rolls and potentially participate in the electoral process;

WHEREAS, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 designates all offices in the state that provide public assistance or state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities as voter registration agencies;

WHEREAS, these mandatory voter registration agencies must offer voter registration with every application for service or assistance and with each recertification, renewal, or change of address form relating to such service or assistance by distributing a voter registration application form and declaration form as required by federal and state law, providing assistance to applicants unless they refuse such assistance, accepting completed voter registration applications, and transmitting them to the appropriate parish registrar of voters;

WHEREAS, state agencies play a critical role in registering individuals to vote and will continue to serve a vital role in this process in full compliance with the law.

NOW THEREFORE I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The head of every executive branch agency, department, office, commission, board, or entity of the State of Louisiana that is designated by the National Voter Registration Act as a mandatory voter registration agency shall, to the greatest extent authorized by law, continue to serve as a mandatory voter registration agency and conduct voter registration in accordance with the law.

Section 2: The head of every executive branch agency that serves as a mandatory voter registration agency shall provide notice to every individual applying for public assistance or disability services, and with each recertification, renewal, or change of address form relating to such service or assistance through that agency, that only a U.S. citizen may register and vote in Louisiana. This notice will be a disclaimer on the declaration form developed by the Secretary of State's office, and used by the respective agencies that states, "The Louisiana Constitution prohibits non-citizens from registering and voting. Therefore, it is illegal for non-citizens to register and vote in Louisiana." However, no one will be prohibited from completing a voter registration application form, as it must then be processed and verified by the registrar of voters of the parish in which the individual resides.

Section 3: The head of every executive branch agency that also serves as a mandatory voter registration agency shall work in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General in compliance with this executive order.

Section 4: All executive branch agencies, departments, offices, commissions, boards, entities, officers, and employees of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof are authorized and directed to cooperate with the implementation of the provisions of this Order.

Section 5: For purposes of voter canvass conducted by the Secretary of State in the time frame allowed under federal law, the Commissioner of the Office of Motor Vehicles is ordered to provide the Secretary of State with a list of names of non-permanent residents or noncitizens who hold a Louisiana license or identification card. The Secretary of State is directed to maintain the confidentiality of this information as required under the law.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 26th day of August 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE