

# The SAVE Act



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*The SAVE Act will make voting easier for all Americans.*



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The SAVE Act will make voting significantly harder for tens of millions of Americans, especially those without a birth certificate with their current legal name or a valid passport. Married women who have changed their last name, seniors, students, and Americans living in rural areas will be most harmed under the SAVE Act. And, if you move across the street, across town, or across state lines ([as nearly 9% of Americans do each year](#)), you will be significantly impacted by the SAVE Act because you will have to travel in-person to your elections office to re-register to vote.



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*Everyone already has the necessary ID to register to vote because Americans must show ID when boarding a plane or purchasing alcohol.*



**FACT**

As of 2024, [about half of Americans \(roughly 146 million citizens\) do not have a valid passport](#). Additionally, 69 million American women do not have a birth certificate that matches their current legal name; if you're one of them, you would not be able to register to vote under the SAVE Act requirements. Furthermore, [REAL IDs – as well military or tribal IDs – would not be sufficient forms of documentation to prove citizenship](#).



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*Getting a passport or original birth certificate is easy and free.*



**FACT**

Depending on where you were born, getting a birth certificate with your current legal name can cost several hundred dollars and can take many hours to do. In fact, individuals born in certain states [may have to travel in person back to their place of birth to obtain a birth certificate](#). Additionally, getting a passport can cost nearly \$100, and it often takes at least 10 weeks to receive it in the mail. And especially if you endured a natural disaster such as an earthquake, flooding, fire, or tornado, you may not currently possess the required documentation.



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*The SAVE Act will make government more efficient and reduce government spending.*



**FACT**

The SAVE Act will create more bureaucracy and make the voting process more expensive and more time consuming for voters and elections officials. Additionally, the SAVE Act will essentially end online voter registration and automatic voter registration, which 42 states and 24 states, respectively, have already implemented. Groups across the political spectrum will no longer be able to do voter registration drives, and voters will no longer be able to vote by mail, which tens of millions of Americans used during the pandemic and afterwards.



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*The SAVE Act will be easy to implement.*



**FACT**

The SAVE Act includes no additional funding for already-underfunded state and local elections offices. The SAVE Act would create extremely long lines at state and local elections offices because millions of Americans would now have to take a passport or birth certificate \*in person\* to their elections office to register to vote. State and local elections offices would likely be overwhelmed with the millions of Americans who would need to prove their citizenship when registering to vote. Furthermore, the SAVE Act provides no guidance to elections officials on implementation, meaning that every election official will have to figure out these new processes on their own and could face significant penalties if they misinterpret unclear guidance.