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SAVE Act Likely to Cause New Mexicans Problems at the Polls

“The League is concerned because the SAVE Act punishes women for changing their names while pretending to solve a nonexistent problem,” said Starlyn Brown, president of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico.

The U.S. House of Representatives has just passed HR 22, the SAVE Act, a bill that will require voters to prove their citizenship in order to vote in any federal election.

Called the “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act” or SAVE, the bill requires documentary proof of United States citizenship in the form of

- A Real ID Driver’s License
- A valid United States passport
- Official U.S. Military identification, with a U.S. military record of service showing the applicant’s place of birth was in the United States
- A valid government-issued identification card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal government showing that the applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.

in order to register to vote or change your voter registration address.

Brown notes, “If your documents don’t line up perfectly, the SAVE Act says: no vote, no voice, guilty until proven innocent.”

The bill passed the U.S House of Representatives on Thursday and is now on its way to the U.S. Senate.

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