

**Senate File 2203 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2203  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3045)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the verification of United States citizenship  
2 of persons registering to vote and registered voters.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **48A.25B Verification of**  
2 **citizenship.**

3 1. a. The state registrar of voters shall attempt to verify  
4 all registered voters' United States citizenship using the  
5 systematic alien verification for entitlements system of the  
6 United States citizenship and immigration services, or its  
7 successor agency. The state registrar of voters shall provide  
8 notice to each county commissioner of registration of the results  
9 of the citizenship verification for each registrant in the county  
10 commissioner's county.

11 b. Upon receipt of a notification that a registrant has not  
12 been verified as a United States citizen, a county commissioner  
13 of registration shall designate the records of the registrant as  
14 unconfirmed as provided in section 48A.37, subsection 2.

15 2. A county commissioner of registration shall send notice  
16 to a registrant whose record has been designated as unconfirmed  
17 pursuant to subsection 1 that includes all of the following:

18 a. An opportunity for the registrant to cancel the  
19 registrant's voter registration.

20 b. Instructions on how the registrant can provide proof of  
21 citizenship to the county commissioner of registration.

22 c. Information on how to contact the United States  
23 citizenship and immigration services, or its successor agency, to  
24 correct information that the registrant believes is inaccurate.

25 3. A registration that has been designated as unconfirmed  
26 pursuant to subsection 1 shall be canceled pursuant to section  
27 48A.30 if the registrant does not provide proof of citizenship  
28 within ninety days of receiving a notice sent pursuant to  
29 subsection 2.

30 4. The state registrar of voters shall, on a monthly basis,  
31 verify the United States citizenship of all newly registered  
32 voters as provided in subsection 1 and shall, on an annual basis,  
33 verify the United States citizenship of all registered voters as  
34 provided in subsection 1.

35 EXPLANATION

1           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
2           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3       This bill relates to the verification of the citizenship  
4 status of registered voters and applicants to register to vote.  
5 The bill requires the state registrar of voters (registrar) to  
6 use the systematic alien verification for entitlements system  
7 of the U.S. citizenship and immigration services to verify the  
8 U.S. citizenship of all registered voters. The bill requires  
9 the registrar to inform each county commissioner of registration  
10 (commissioner) of the results of the verification for each  
11 registrant in the commissioner's county.

12       Upon the receipt of a notification that the U.S. citizenship  
13 of a registrant could not be confirmed, the bill requires  
14 a commissioner to designate the records of the registrant  
15 as unconfirmed and to send notice to the registrant with  
16 information regarding how to cancel the registrant's voter  
17 registration, provide proof of citizenship, and contact the  
18 U.S. citizenship and immigration services to correct information  
19 that the registrant believes to be inaccurate. If a registrant  
20 does not provide proof of citizenship within 90 days of receipt  
21 of notice, the bill requires a commissioner to cancel the  
22 registration.

23       The bill also requires the registrar to verify the  
24 U.S. citizenship of all newly registered voters on a monthly  
25 basis and to verify the U.S. citizenship of all registered voters  
26 on an annual basis.