

**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  
2 citizenship of persons registering to vote and registered  
3 voters.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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  
9 results of the citizenship verification for each registrant in  
10 the county 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  
14 as 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  
24 agency, to correct information that the registrant believes is  
25 inaccurate.

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

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

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EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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