

CITIZEN ONLY VOTING AMENDMENT

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THE PUBLIC DISAPPROVES OF NON-CITIZEN VOTING

QUESTION:

Some cities are allowing non-citizens to vote. Would you favor or oppose allowing people who are not U.S. citizens to vote in your local elections?



AMERICANS FOR CITIZEN VOTING SURVEY OF 1000 REGISTERED VOTERS
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WHAT IS COVA?

The Citizen Only Voting Amendment is a state constitutional amendment that makes it so only U.S. citizens are allowed to legally vote in local and state elections. Right now the constitutions of most states say “Every citizen of the United States who is age 18 and older is eligible to vote...”. COVA changes the language to “Only a citizen of the United States who is age 18 and older is eligible to vote...”. In some states the words “any” or “all” are used instead of “every” but it all means the same thing and is insufficient to guarantee that only U.S. citizens are allowed to vote. The “every” language establishes a floor for eligibility. Every citizen is eligible to vote but other people may be added on top of that floor. The “only” language creates a ceiling for eligibility – only citizens may vote and nobody else. It is exclusive and absolute.

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FOREIGN CITIZEN VOTING IS COMING TO YOUR STATE

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FOREIGN CITIZEN VOTING STATES

California
Illinois

Maryland
Vermont

Washington, D.C.*

* Not a state. Does not have its own constitution.

Congress could have stopped foreign citizen voting but failed to do so.

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CITIZEN ONLY VOTING STATES

Pennsylvania	1776	Arizona*	1962	Colorado*	2020
Virginia	1776	Minnesota	1974	Florida*	2020
Wyoming	1889	North Dakota*	2018	Ohio*	2022
Utah	1895	Alabama*	2020	Louisiana*	2022

* Citizen Only Voting Amendment

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STATES WITH COVA ON THE 2024 BALLOT

Idaho

Missouri

South Carolina

Iowa

North Carolina

Wisconsin

Kentucky

Oklahoma

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STATES ARE UP FOR GRABS

including yours.



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PLACES THAT ALLOW NON-CITIZEN VOTING

California	Vermont
Illinois	Washington, D.C.
Maryland	

ATTEMPTS TO ALLOW NON-CITIZEN VOTING

San Jose, CA	Portland, ME
Clarkston, GA	Dallas Co., TX
Arlington, MA	Multnomah Co., OR
Brookline, MA	Illinois
Cambridge, MA	Connecticut
Newton, MA	Rhode Island
Boston, MA	New York

CONSTITUTIONS WRITTEN CORRECTLY WHEN RATIFIED

Pennsylvania 1776	Wyoming 1889
Utah 1895	Minnesota 1958

STATES THAT HAVE PASSED COVA BY A WIDE MARGIN

Arizona	1962	66% – 34%
North Dakota	2018	66% – 34%
Alabama	2020	77% – 23%
Colorado	2020	63% – 37%
Florida	2020	79% – 21%
Ohio	2022	77% – 23%
Louisiana	2022	73% – 27%

WHY IS COVA NECESSARY?

The current language of every, any, or all has proven insufficient in guaranteeing that only U.S. citizens have the legal right to vote. Just because every citizen is allowed to vote does not mean that non-citizens are not allowed to vote.

WE MUST AMEND STATE CONSTITUTIONS!

Passing a statute isn't enough! A statute may be ruled unconstitutional by the courts and a statute can be changed by any future legislature. ONLY a constitutional amendment will protect citizen-only voting.

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