

Initiative IL26-126

Requiring Proof of Citizenship When Registering to Vote in WA

Ballot Title (written by the WA State Attorney General's Office):

Initiative Measure IL26-126 concerns heightened voter registration requirements for applicants and currently registered voters

This popular reform proposal is an **Initiative to the Legislature**. That means, if enough signatures are collected by the end of 2025, it will be presented to the WA State Legislature like a bill in early 2026. If Olympia does not pass **IL26-126** into law, the initiative **goes to the people** for a vote on the November 2026 general election ballot.

- Require proof of citizenship when people register to vote in WA.
- Clean up voter rolls (databases) in all 39 Washington counties.
- Strengthen the security of WA's Vote By Mail system.
- Restore trust and confidence in WA's elections.

There has been a lot of **false information** put out about **Initiative IL26-126**/Requiring Proof of Citizenship When Registering to Vote in WA.

Here's the truth about what **IL26-126** does and doesn't do.

What Initiative IL26-126 DOES:

- Requires people in WA to **provide proof of citizenship** when they **register to vote.**
- Aligns with federal election law, Executive Orders and recent federal court rulings.
- Accepts multiple government-issued documents and forms of ID to satisfy its proof requirement.
- Sets statewide standards but allows local election officials reasonable independence in implementation.
- Effectively **audits voter rolls** (databases) and cleans up incorrect or outdated voter information.
- Restores trust and confidence in Washington's election integrity and security processes.

What Initiative IL26-126 DOESN'T Do:

- Suppress or discourage voter registration. In any way.
- End Vote by Mail (*The Seattle Times* got this wrong and issued a correction).
- Change current voting in any way.
- Require anyone to buy an enhanced WA driver's license or ID.
- Create any "poll tax" or other barrier to voting.

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