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State	Bill	Sponsor	Date Introduced	Status	Moment of Citizenship Verification	Description
California	2008 CA A.B. 2317	Assembly Mem. Walters	2/21/2008	4/10/2008 Failed to Pass out of Assigned Committee	Registration	California Assembly Bill 2317 requires the county elections official to reject all voter registration applications unless applicant provides an original or legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other methods of proof not expressly listed. Citizens re-registering after moving from another California county must also submit proof of citizenship. All persons registered prior to January 1, 2009 are deemed having proved citizenship.
Colorado	2008 CO H.B. 1177 A Bill for an Act concerning the verification of a person's citizenship for voting purposes as reflected in identification documents issued by the department of revenue.	Rep. McNulty Sen. McElhany	1/17/2008	5/7/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Colorado House Bill 1177 requires county clerk and recorder or deputy register to reject all voter registration applications after effective date unless applicant provides an original or legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplate as acceptable documents not expressly listed. Registrations which occurred prior to July 1, 2008 are deemed to have provided citizenship proof. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Colorado county must also submit proof of citizenship.
Delaware	S.B. 196 An Act to Reincorporate the Town of Milton.	Rep. Adams Rep. Carey	1/16/2008	3/26/2008 Bill Became Law	Registration	Delaware Senate Bill 196, pertaining to the reincorporation of the Town of Milton, requires all applicants registering as a voter in the Town of Milton to prove citizenship via a passport or birth certificate. The bill does not indicate whether original documents are required.
Florida	Amendment 183932 to FL S. 866	Sen. Atwater	4/1/2008	4/01/2008 Withdrawn	Registration	Florida Amendment 183932 requires a person registering to vote for the first time to provide a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable documents not expressly listed. The Amendment does not indicate whether a certified or legible copy of an acceptable document would be satisfactory.

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Georgia	2007 GA H.B. 43 An Act to amend code section 21-2-220 of the official code of Georgia annotated, relating to application for voter registration, so as to require an applicant to provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	Rep. Sims	1/11/2007	4/04/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Georgia House Bill 43 requires the registrar or deputy registrar to reject all voter registration applications unless applicant provides proof of U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof. Bill does not state whether a document copy would be acceptable or the policy regarding re-registration.
	2008 GA H.B. 1175 An Act to amend ch. 2 of title 21 of the official code of Georgia, relating to elections. . . to provide that persons applying to register to vote shall provide proof of U.S. citizenship . . .	Rep. Williams	2/12/2008	4/04/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Georgia House Bill 1175 requires registrars to reject all voter registration applications on and after July 1, 2008 unless applicant provides a legible copy of a document or a document number proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable documents not expressly listed. Georgia citizens re-registering after moving from another Georgia county must also submit proof of citizenship.
Illinois	2007 IL S.B. 103 State Employee Proof of Citizenship Act	Sen. Lauzen & Pankau	1/31/2007	5/29/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Illinois Senate Bill 103 requires election authority to reject all voter registration applications after the bill's effective date unless applicant provides a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed. Illinois citizens re-registering after moving from another Illinois election jurisdiction must also submit proof of citizenship.
Kansas	2007 KS H.B. 2019 (2007 KS S.B. 169)	Reps. Burgess, Powers, & Sawyer (Sen. Huelskamp)	2/12/2007	5/29/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Kansas House Bill 2019 (S.B. 169) requires all voter registration applications on or after July 1, 2007 to provide a copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed. Bill also includes a photo id requirement for voting. Registrants removed from the registration list must provide proof of citizenship when re-registering.
Maryland	2008 MD S.B. 34, An Act Concerning Election Law - Voter Registration - Proof of Citizenship	Sen. Colburn	1/4/2008	04/07/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Maryland Senate Bill 34 requires all voter registration applicants after October 1, 2008 to submit a copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof.

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	2008 MD H.B. 884, Voter Verification and Fairness Act	Rep. McDonough	2/6/2008	4/07/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Maryland House Bill 884 requires all voter registration applicants after October 1, 2008 to submit a copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof, which includes expired passports. The bill also mandates that the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration only allow an applicant to register to vote after the applicant has signed an affidavit stating that any applicant who falsely claims to be a citizen for the purpose of registering to vote is deportable. The bill also sets forth certain verification requirements for each individual who seeks to vote.
Massachusetts	2007 MA H.B. 648 (2007 MA H.D. 1161) An Act Relative to Verification of Citizenship when Registering to Vote	Rep. Frost	1/10/2007	4/01/2008 From Joint Committee on Election Laws: Accompanied Study Order H 4625.	Registration	Massachusetts House Bill 648 requires voter registration applicant to provide verification of citizenship by providing one of the delineated modes of proof.
Michigan	2007 MI H.B. 5337 Michigan Election Law	Rep. David Law	10/23/2007	10/23/2007 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations	Registration	Michigan House Bill 5337 requires person processing voter registration application to reject all voter registration applications unless applicant provides a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed. Michigan citizens re-registering after moving from another city, township, or village must also submit proof of citizenship.
Mississippi	2008 MS H.B. 1127	Rep. Denny	2/14/2008	2/19/2008 Bill Died in Committee	Voting	Mississippi House Bill 1127 requires voters to produce a government-issued photographic identification, for which proof of citizenship is required, at the time of voting, whether in-person or by absentee ballot. The bill permits voters to provide a sworn statement if unable to produce valid identification, and makes it a felony to provide such affirmation falsely.
Missouri	2008 MO H.B. 1317	Reps. Davis, Cunningham, Dusenberg, and Nolte	Prefiled: 12/03/2007	5/16/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Missouri House Bill 1317 requires voter registration applicants to provide proof of citizenship from a delineated list of documents which contemplates as acceptable documents that are not expressly listed. The election authority must verify citizenship by any electronic means made available by the appropriate federal agency.

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	2008 HJR No. 48	Rep. Cox	Filed: 12/03/2007	5/16/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Voting	House Joint Resolution 48 amends the Missouri Constitution to require persons seeking to vote in a public election to establish qualifications as a citizen of Missouri lawfully present in the United States by means of presenting a form of identification to election officials, including a valid government issued photo identification.
New York	2007 NY S.6543	Sen. Flanagan	12/5/2007	06/18/2008 Committee Discharged and Committed to Rules	Registration	New York Senate Bill 6543 disqualifies any voter registration applicant who fails to provide proof of U.S. citizenship after the bill's effective date. The bill does not specify the evidence or documentation that would constitute satisfactory proof of citizenship.
Oklahoma	2007 OK H.B. 1803 (2007 OK S.B. 417) Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act	Rep. Terrill (Sen. Sykes)	1/22/2007 (first session)	5/30/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Oklahoma House Bill 1803 requires the rejection of all voter registration applications after the bill's effective date unless the applicant provided an original or legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Oklahoma county would also be required to submit proof of citizenship.
South Carolina	2007 SC H.B. 3343	Rep. Haskins	1/24/2007 (first session)	06/05/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	South Carolina House Bill 3343 requires the county board of registration to reject all voter registration applications after July 1, 2007 unless applicant provides an original or legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof. Citizens re-registering after moving from another South Carolina county must also submit proof of citizenship.
Tennessee	2007 TN H.B. 408 (2007 S.B.1610)	Rep. Todd. And Sen. Norris	2/6/2007	05/21/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Tennessee House Bill 408 requires the administrator of elections to reject all voter registration applications unless applicant provides a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other methods of proof not expressly listed. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Tennessee county must also submit proof of citizenship. All persons registered prior to the effective date are deemed having proved citizenship.

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	2007 TN H.B. 3050 (2007 TN S.B. 2794) An Act to Amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Relative to Voters.	Rep. Mumpower & Sen. Tracy	1/15/2008	05/21/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Tennessee House Bill 3050 (S.B. 2794) re-introduced January 2008 from last session requires the administrator of elections to reject all voter registration applications after the bill's effective date unless applicant provides an original or legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Tennessee county must also submit proof of citizenship. This bill additionally requires that a voter present photographic identification to the registrar.
	2007 H.B. 409 (2007 TN S.B. 1611)	Rep. Todd	2/6/2007	05/21/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Tennessee House Bill 409 requires the administrator of elections to reject all voter registration applications unless applicant provides a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other methods of proof not expressly listed. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Tennessee county must also submit proof of citizenship. All persons registered prior to the effective date are deemed having proved U.S. citizenship.
	2007 TN H.B. 3052 (2007 TN S.B. 2810) An Act to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Relative to Citizenship Status.	Rep. Mumpower & Sen. Tracy	1/15/2008	05/21/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Tennessee House Bill 3052 (S.B. 2810) re-introduced January 2008 from last session requires the administrator of elections to reject all voter registration applications (after the bill's effective date) unless applicant provides an original or legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Tennessee county must also submit proof of citizenship. House Bill 3052 sets forth additional voter verification requirements.
Utah	2008 UT S.B. 210 Proof of Citizenship Required to Vote	Sen. Madsen	2/1/2008	3/5/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Utah Senate Bill 210 requires all voter registration applications to include a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed.

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Virginia	2008 VA H.B. 68	Rep. Marshall	12/7/2007	3/8/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Virginia House Bill 68 requires the general registrar to reject all voter registration applications after January 1, 2009 unless the applicant provides a legible photocopy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed.
Washington	2007 WA H.B. 1468 An Act relating to requiring all voters to provide proof of citizenship and valid photo identification	Reps. Anderson, Chandler, Rodne, Roach, Warnick, & Ross	1/19/2007	3/13/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Washington House Bill 1468 requires the secretary of state or county auditor to reject all voter registration applications unless applicant provides a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof and a valid photographic identification. The bill also imposes a photographic identification requirement for voting.
	2007 WA H.B. 1774 An Act relating to ensuring the integrity of elections	Reps. Hinkle, Chandler, Haler, Bailey, Dunn, Priest, & Warnick	1/26/2007	3/13/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Washington House Bill 1774 requires the county auditor to reject all voter registration applications after January 1, 2008 unless applicant provides an original or certified copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof. Bill also requires state-issued photo identification upon voting and establishes that proof of citizenship must be provided in order to obtain a state-issued photographic identification card.
	2008 WA S.B. 6474 An Act relating to voter registration	Sens. Carrell, Stevens Schoesler, Holmquist	1/17/2008	3/13/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Washington House Bill 6474 requires all voter registration applications to include an original or certified copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof.
	2008 WA S.B. 6862	Sen. Roach	1/29/2008	3/13/2008 Session Ended without Passage	Registration	Washington Senate Bill 6862 requires auditor to reject all voting registration applications after effective date unless application contains "satisfactory evidence of citizenship" by providing a legible copy of a document proving U.S. citizenship from a delineated list of acceptable modes of proof that contemplates as acceptable other documents not expressly listed. Citizens re-registering after moving from another Washington county must also submit proof of citizenship.