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I support this bill. Our drivers license should be the proper form of identification to vote



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I write in strong support of House Bill 2125, a vital piece of legislation that strengthens Missouri's commitment to fair, secure, and transparent elections. Two core provisions of this bill deserve particular praise: restoring the Secretary of State's authority to investigate and subpoena potential election fraud, and improving the procedures and safeguards for cleaning and maintaining accurate voter rolls.

First and foremost, restoring and clarifying the investigative and subpoena powers of the Secretary of State is essential to protecting election integrity. HB 2125 specifies that, upon credible evidence of election law violations, the Secretary can issue subpoenas for records, contracts, and other pertinent documents, ensuring that allegations of election fraud can be fully and properly investigated. This provision empowers the state's top election official to act decisively, rather than relying solely on local authorities or being hamstrung by limited means to compel evidence. Swift and thorough investigations not only address potential wrongdoing but also bolster public confidence that our electoral system is safeguarded against fraud and abuse.

Equally important is HB 2125's modernization and enhancement of Missouri's voter registration maintenance processes. By instituting routine, systematized coordination with agencies responsible for records on deaths and felony convictions, the bill ensures that ineligible voters are efficiently and accurately removed from the voter rolls. At the same time, the legislation establishes important safeguards to prevent the wrongful removal of eligible voters. These include strict verification procedures, technology security measures, a fail-safe against removing individuals solely for failure to vote, and the formation of an advisory committee to oversee continued accuracy and integrity in the system. Voter lists will also be cross-checked with driver's license, Social Security, and citizenship information, further ensuring both eligibility and security.

Together, these reforms address two critical challenges in election administration—deterrence of fraud and preservation of accurate, up-to-date voter lists—with an approach that is both thorough and balanced. HB 2125 gives Missouri the tools to remove ineligible names from the rolls without disenfranchising eligible citizens and assures voters that wrongdoing will be identified and prosecuted. These are not partisan changes; they are essential to the trust and function of our democracy.

In closing, I urge lawmakers to support HB 2125 for its prudent blend of accountability, oversight, and protection of voter rights. Let us reaffirm our commitment to free and fair elections by ensuring only

eligible voters participate and equipping our officials with the means to uphold the law. HB 2125 is a common-sense step forward for Missouri.



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The step to include citizenship status in the agreement between the SoS and DoR is a good one that I support.

However, the best way to ensure we are compliant with our election laws to ensure only US citizens vote in MO elections is to adopt the strict standards for proving US citizenship implemented at USCIS and US Depth of State. There is no reason why we settle for these tiny steps that don't produce any meaningful outcome overall. The solution is already available to you. All you have to do is use it to secure MO elections.



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I support requiring data matching between the Secretary of State and the Department of Revenue include citizenship status of individuals in the DOR database.

I support reinstating the Secretary of State's ability to conduct investigations and exercise subpoena power with respect to suspected election offenses, which expired Aug 28, 2025.

I suppose all reasonable means of ensuring that the public can have full confidence in all aspects of voting and election results in all elections.



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I support HB 2125 because I believe requiring proof of citizenship for voter registration at the DMV and restoring subpoena powers to the Secretary of State are essential steps to protect election integrity and ensure our votes are secure.



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We are not a free state if we don't have fair elections.



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Only citizens should be allowed to vote. Registration shouldn't be automatic with a driver's license.



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Am in favor of this bill.



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**Citizenship is the most important thing to protect my vote. Every illegal vote cancels a citizens vote.
The Secretary of State should have as much power needed to investigate this crime.**



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H.B.2125 should include Mo.registered voters only



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HB2125 actually puts the SAVE Program into the action it was intended. DOR has access to Dept of Homeland Security immigration data so compelling the SOS to cooperate with the DOR is definitely a step in the right direction.



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HB?2125 dangerously centralizes unprecedented power in the office of the Secretary of State, far beyond what is necessary to maintain accurate voter rolls. By mandating forced agreements with the Department of Revenue and the Social Security Administration, the bill compels agencies to share sensitive personal information, creating a potential surveillance system of every Missouri voter. This level of government authority threatens privacy, opens the door to misuse of data, and sets a precedent for expanding control over citizens' personal information.

Combined with broadened investigatory and subpoena powers, HB?2125 gives the Secretary of State the ability to direct investigations, demand records, and refer individuals for prosecution with minimal oversight. Taken together, these provisions represent a significant expansion of government power that could be misapplied, politicized, or weaponized against ordinary Missourians.

Missourians expect their government to protect privacy, safeguard personal information, and limit bureaucratic overreach, not create new avenues for data collection and government power. HB?2125 moves the opposite direction.

For these reasons, I strongly urge a NO vote on HB?2125.



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This bill requires the Secretary of State and the Director of the Department of Revenue to enter into an agreement to match information pertaining to the citizenship status of individuals in the voter registration database with information in the motor vehicle system. This seems to be an unnecessary step as voters are already required to show identification in order to vote. If not used correctly, the bill could make it harder for eligible Missourians to cast their votes which is counter to what this body should be doing. I'm opposed to this bill.



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Very bad bill. Do not pass this.



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People may become citizens and validly register to vote after they obtained a driver license or state ID as a noncitizen.



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Mr. Chair and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in opposition of HB 2125. My name is Jen Bernstein and I am the Director of Advocacy at National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895.

NCJWSTL opposes HB 2125 because it risks disenfranchising eligible voters while promoting a false narrative of widespread voter fraud. The bill would require data matching between the Secretary of State and the Department of Revenue that includes citizenship status, even though DOR records are not designed to serve as definitive or current proof of citizenship. Driver's licenses and state IDs can remain valid for up to six years, and indefinitely for some senior non-drivers, meaning many Missourians may have become naturalized citizens long after obtaining their ID. Using outdated DOR data as a trigger for voter investigations or purges creates a serious risk of wrongly targeting lawful voters.

HB 2125 also reinstates broad investigative and subpoena powers for the Secretary of State related to alleged election offenses, authority that previously expired in August 2025. Coupled with unreliable data matching, this opens the door to intrusive investigations based on incomplete or inaccurate information. Rather than strengthening election integrity, this approach is likely to sow confusion and fear, particularly among naturalized citizens and communities already facing barriers to civic participation.

Missouri already has safeguards in place: individuals registering to vote at motor vehicle offices must attest to their citizenship, and that information is shared with the Secretary of State. HB 2125 adds unnecessary layers of bureaucracy while creating real harm.

NCJWSTL urges you to vote no on HB 2125.



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I am concerned about the potential for wrongful pursuit of voter fraud or purging of voter rolls because individual citizenship status in the DOR database is not necessarily current (IDs are valid for six years, and non expiring for senior non drivers) and should not alone be the basis of a voter fraud investigation or purge directive. In other words, people may become citizens and validly register to vote after they obtained a driver license or state ID as a noncitizen.



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MO already requires people to be citizens in order to vote. This bill changes how the state verifies that, not the eligibility rule itself.

Thus, if citizenship information in DOR records doesn't match what's in the voter file, a voter could be:

- flagged for review,
- contacted to confirm eligibility, or
- potentially removed if the issue isn't resolved.

This matters because DOR records:

- may be old,
- may reflect temporary non-citizen status from years ago, or
- may be incomplete or incorrect.

And of course, naturalized citizens are most affected. If flagged, voters would have to respond by mail, provide documentation and jump through administrative hoops.

This really seems like a voter suppression bill and I can't support that.



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Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to House Bill 2125.

HB 2125 is presented as a technical and administrative update. In reality, it centralizes power, expands surveillance of Missouri citizens, monetizes civic participation, and weakens constitutional safeguards — all while assuming permanent good faith from future officeholders.

Missouri law should never be written on that assumption.

1. HB 2125 threatens voter rights protected by the U.S. Constitution

The bill expands the Secretary of State’s authority to coordinate voter registration data across agencies, including citizenship data held by the Department of Revenue.

This raises serious constitutional concerns under:

The Fourteenth Amendment (Equal Protection and Due Process)

Database matching has a well-documented history of error. When voter eligibility is determined by automated or cross-agency data systems, lawful voters are routinely flagged incorrectly. Erroneous removals disproportionately affect naturalized citizens, elderly voters, and low-income Missourians — violating equal protection guarantees.

The First Amendment

Voting and political participation are core protected activities. Systems that chill participation through fear of wrongful removal, investigation, or bureaucratic error burden First Amendment rights.

Missouri has already seen how “list maintenance” can become voter suppression when transparency and independent oversight are lacking.

2. The bill concentrates investigatory and enforcement power in one office

HB 2125 authorizes the Secretary of State to:

Initiate investigations

Issue subpoenas

Compel production of private records

Issue probable cause statements

Refer cases for prosecution

This consolidation raises serious separation-of-powers concerns, particularly under:

**Article II of the Missouri Constitution (separation of governmental powers), and
The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which requires neutrality and fairness in
enforcement.**

**Election enforcement authority must be narrowly tailored. When investigatory power, prosecutorial
referral, and public exposure sit in the same office, the risk of selective enforcement and political
weaponization becomes unavoidable — regardless of who currently holds the position.**

3. The complaint process invites abuse while chilling good-faith reporting

**HB 2125 allows “any person” to file sworn complaints but exposes complainants to civil liability for
complaints later deemed “frivolous.”**

This creates a dangerous imbalance:

It discourages legitimate whistleblowers acting in good faith

**It does not meaningfully deter politically motivated complaints, which can still trigger investigations
and public damage before dismissal**

**This structure undermines procedural due process by allowing accusation before adjudication, while
offering limited protections for the accused or the complainant.**

4. HB 2125 monetizes civic participation and economic activity

**The bill extends and expands additional fees across corporations, nonprofits, cooperatives,
partnerships, and secured transactions — funneling the money into a Secretary of State–controlled
technology trust fund.**

This raises concerns under:

**The Due Process Clause, when access to compliance and participation is conditioned on recurring
fees without clear accountability**

**The Equal Protection Clause, as small businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations bear
disproportionate impact
Missourians should not have to pay more to exist, organize, or comply with the law simply to finance
expanded administrative power.**

5. There is no meaningful oversight or accountability

While some provisions nominally sunset in 2031, the bill:

Does not mandate independent audits

Does not require public reporting on wrongful voter removals

Does not disclose investigatory error rates or complaint abuse

Does not limit future expansion of these authorities

Once power and funding are centralized, history shows they rarely retract.

6. This bill assumes permanent good faith — Missouri law should not

Good governance is not built on trust alone. It is built on constraints, transparency, and clear limits on power.

Laws governing elections and civic participation must be written to withstand abuse — not rely on restraint.

Missouri does not need:

Broader surveillance of voters

Expanded subpoena power

Higher fees on civic life

More centralized authority with fewer checks

It needs public confidence, constitutional fidelity, and clear boundaries on government power.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to reject House Bill 2125.



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These measures would implement a flawed process that could harm law-abiding Missourians' by violating their right to vote. While the Department of Revenue's motor vehicle offices are required to offer voter registration to vehicle customers who attest to their citizenship and share that data with SOS, individual citizenship status in the DOR database is *not necessarily current.* This is because most IDs are valid for six years, and non-driver IDs for senior non-drivers do not expire at all. This bill creates a problem that should not alone be the basis of a voter fraud investigation or purge directive. In other words, people may become citizens and validly register to vote after they obtained a driver license or state ID as a noncitizen.