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States can now use last four digits of Social Security numbers to verify citizenship

WASHINGTON— U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has continued its upgrades of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program to enable states to verify that only U.S. citizens are voting in federal elections. States can now use SAVE to verify the citizenship of voters and voting registrants using the last four digits of the individual's Social Security number rather than requiring the full nine digits.

“USCIS remains dedicated to eliminating barriers to securing the nation’s electoral process,” said USCIS spokesman Matthew Tragesser. “By allowing states to efficiently verify voter eligibility, we are reinforcing the principle that America’s elections are reserved exclusively for American citizens. We encourage all federal, state, and local agencies to use the SAVE program.”

As part of USCIS’ commitment to Executive Order 14248, Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections, this system enhancement enables registered user agencies, especially those verifying voter rolls, to create a SAVE case without needing a Department of Homeland Security identifier or complete Social Security number.

SAVE Optimization has enabled state voting agencies to submit over 46 million voter verification queries and has also allowed federal agencies to submit over 110 million queries to help verify eligibility for federally funded benefits. These initiatives combined with SAVE’s status verifications for new benefit requests have collectively resulted in more than 205 million status verifications queries as of October 2025 compared to 25 million status verification queries in all of calendar year 2024.

Currently, only 26 states already have, or are in the process of establishing, a memorandum of agreement for voter verification with SAVE. Government officials at all levels in all states should be committed to eliminating voter fraud and restoring faith in America’s elections.

More information is available on SAVE’s [Voter Registration and Voter List Maintenance Fact Sheet](#).

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