

An illustration in shades of blue and orange. In the foreground, a person in a blue long-sleeved shirt holds a brown card labeled 'PASSPORT'. To their right, another person in a light blue shirt holds a yellow card with 'DATE OF BIRTH' and a photo. Further right, a third person holds a yellow card with a photo. In the bottom left, a dark blue ballot box has an orange octagonal slot and the text 'guides.vote'. The background features a large, faint orange question mark.

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The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or SAVE Act, is a proposed law about voting in federal elections. Its main goal is to ensure that only U.S. citizens can register to vote. Under the proposal, people would need to show proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or passport, when registering to vote.

The SAVE Act would also change some current registration practices, including limiting online voter registration and certain mail registration options. It would also require strict photo identification rules for voters on election day.

The proposal does not provide federal funding for states to implement these changes, and it does not include a transition period for states to adjust their systems. Supporters of the Act say it will help protect against election fraud, while others think it would make voting too difficult for citizens who do not have immediate access to a passport or a copy of their birth certificate. Current federal law states that only U.S. citizens are allowed to vote in federal and state elections.

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