

Ohio's HB233 and companion bill SB 153 are egregious attacks on Voting Rights. The demand for proof of citizenship will create barriers to voting for many Ohioans especially women who change their names upon marrying and have birth certificates that don't match.

Also if you are purged from the voting rolls ( and this bill calls for rigorous voter monitoring: The bill requires Ohio to constantly check voter records against the BMV and Social Security databases to identify "mismatches"). I can see how easily this could result in voters being targeted based on previous voting history.

Even if the new standards are fairly applied, women who changed their names, and people who move around more will have a harder time proving citizenship. The elderly, poor and people who don't drive will have more trouble registering or updating registration.

Sometimes birth certificates get lost and heaven forbid if you were born in another state. It took months to get a duplicate birth certificate for my son from Michigan and cost about \$75, as well. The only reason we did this is because he was purged in 2024 from the voting rolls and had to go the County Board of Elections to be reinstated. So now I know to check every year to make sure our voting status doesn't change.

We should be making it easier not harder for citizens to participate in our Democracy, not throwing up barriers. We all know Ohio has had secure elections with very little fraud in the past.