

U.S. Election Comm. Quietly Lets States Verify U.S. Citizenship

As voters go the polls in South Carolina and Nevada today, ["full-scale assault"](#) on minority voters designed to "rig" elections.

Nevertheless, election officials in some states have confirmed that requiring ID is not enough to prevent fraud. American citizenship, mandatory to vote in U.S. elections at every level, must also be verified. But first states must get approval from the feds, specifically the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The bipartisan commission is tasked with assuring that elections are administered in accordance with federal laws. This includes accrediting voting system test labs, certifying voting equipment and keeping a national mail voter registration form.

For years the EAC has rejected requests from several states to allow the citizenship verification of its registered voters. Judicial Watch has been involved in several of the cases and years ago filed [rejection document](#) that cites claims by leftist groups that providing proof of citizenship would adversely impact vulnerable and marginalized communities, specifically low-income and people of color. "The requested proof-of-citizenship instructions are inconsistent with the EAC's prior determinations," the 2014 ruling states. "In addition, the EAC, both by the staff and duly-constituted quorum of commissioners, has already denied the very same substantive request that is at issue here," it further states.

In the last few weeks, however, the EAC has quietly

reversed itself by approving the petition of three states—Kansas, Georgia and Alabama—to add a citizenship requirement to their voter registration forms. The letters, signed by the EAC’s new executive director, Brian D. Newby, were issued on January 29, 2016. They can be viewed