

SENATE BILL 2245

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 2 and Title 2, Chapter 7, relative to
election integrity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-102, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following new subsection:

(b)

(1) An individual who is not a citizen of the United States shall not vote in a federal, state, or local election.

(2) A county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state shall not grant voting rights to a person who is not a United States citizen for an election.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Lists of registered voters may be provided to federal courts for purposes of selecting jurors on the condition that the jury coordinator provides notice pursuant to subsection (b) regarding ineligible or potentially ineligible voters.

(b) The jury coordinator shall prepare or cause to be prepared a list of each person disqualified or potentially disqualified as a prospective juror from jury service due to being a non-United States citizen, convicted of a felony, deceased, not a resident of this state, or not a resident of the county. The list must be prepared and sent to the coordinator of elections according to the jury summons cycle used by the court clerk.

This section does not prevent the list from being sent more frequently. The list may be provided by mail, facsimile transmission, or email.

(c) The jury coordinator shall provide the coordinator of elections with the following information about each disqualified juror:

- (1) The full name of the disqualified juror;
- (2) Current and prior addresses, if any;
- (3) Telephone number, if available;
- (4) Date of birth; and
- (5) The reason the prospective juror was disqualified.

(d) After verifying that the person is a registered voter, the coordinator of elections shall forward the information to the administrator of elections in the county where the voter is registered.

(e) The administrator of elections shall follow the procedures prescribed by § 2-2-106 or § 2-2-141, as applicable.

(f) In addition to the list of names, if the jury coordinator has documentation showing the person's disqualification under subsection (b), the documentation may be forwarded to the coordinator of elections.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-106(c)(1), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

(D) Information received from the coordinator of elections as a result of a comparison of voter registration addresses with the residential addresses of record with another state agency, including, but not limited to, state welfare and public assistance agencies. The coordinator of elections may compare the statewide voter registration database with those of other relevant state agencies and county records for this purpose;

(E) Information received from the coordinator of elections as a result of a comparison of voter registration addresses to commercially available data, such as data from credit agencies.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-141(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(a) The coordinator of elections may compare the statewide voter registration database with the department of safety database to ensure non-United States citizens are not registered to vote in this state. The coordinator of elections is further authorized to compare the statewide voter registration database with those of relevant federal and state agencies, including the systematic alien verification for entitlements (SAVE) program database, and county records for the same purpose. If evidence exists that a particular registered voter is not a citizen of the United States, the coordinator of elections shall notify the county election commission where the person is registered to vote that the registered voter may not be a citizen of the United States.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(2) The officer of elections shall keep a record of each such declaration, including the name of the voter and of the person marking the ballot, reason for assistance, and, if marked by a judge, the name of the judge or other official in whose presence the ballot was marked. The record must be certified and kept with the poll books on forms to be provided by the coordinator of elections.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(2) The officer of elections shall keep a record of each such declaration, including the name of the voter and of the person marking the ballot, reason for

assistance, and, if marked by a judge, the name of the judge or other official in whose presence the ballot was marked. The record must be certified and kept with the poll books on forms to be provided by the coordinator of elections.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.