



The Truth About Florida's Election Security Legislation SB524/HB7061

What you need to know about new voting legislation in Florida.

CREATING AN OFFICE OF ELECTION CRIMES AND SECURITY

- Allegations of election crimes and wrongdoing often go uninvestigated due to lack of priority and resources.
- Florida's proposed election security [legislation](#) creates the Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Florida Department of State to address that concern.
- The new office would be authorized to receive, review, and investigate allegations of election law violations and irregularities.
 - The office would then use that information to make referrals for criminal investigation and prosecution.
- The legislation requires the Office of Election Crimes and Security to submit an annual report to with statistics on the number of complaints, investigations, referrals, and prosecutions.

STRENGTHENING VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE

- To adequately maintain voting rolls, the election security legislation [requires](#) annual list maintenance. Under current law, list maintenance is only required to occur every other year.
- The legislation tightens the process for identifying ineligible voters, including those who have moved, died, been convicted of a felony, or are not citizens.
 - The legislation creates a reporting system for court clerks to provide details of felony convictions and financial obligations, and makes Department of Highway Safety records available to identify deceased voters.

BAN ON PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

- In 2020, Mark Zuckerberg funneled more than \$400 million into election offices across the country. [Research](#) shows the funds were distributed disproportionately to counties that voted for Joe Biden.
- The legislation [strengthens the ban](#) on private funds being used for election related expenses, to ensure all citizens can have confidence in the fairness and neutrality of the election process.

VOTER ID REQUIREMENT FOR MAIL BALLOTS

- The [legislation](#) seeks to “balance the security of vote-by-mail balloting with voter privacy and election transparency” by taking a step towards voter ID for mail ballots.
- The legislation directs the Department of State to form a plan to use forms of identification, such as a drivers license, social security number, or Florida ID card number, to verify a voter's identity.
- Polling consistently shows that voter ID requirements are enormously popular and enjoy bipartisan support, both for in-person and mail-in voting.
- The Department must also prepare to undertake voter education efforts on any new requirements to ensure they are fully informed ahead of voting.

PROHIBITS RANKED-CHOICE VOTING AND BALLOT TRAFFICKING

- Florida's election security legislation will prohibit left-wing voting proposals that undermine the fairness and integrity of Florida elections.
- In order to protect our elections, the legislation [bans](#) ranked-choice voting.
- The legislation also [makes](#) ballot trafficking a felony. Trafficking is widely acknowledged as a serious threat to election security that exposes voters to intimidation and disenfranchisement.