



# 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.