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# IMPORTANCE OF CITIZEN-ONLY VOTING IN LOUISIANA

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## WE MUST ENSURE THAT ONLY U.S. CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE

- The U.S. electoral system is designed to give every eligible U.S. citizen in every state a say in choosing our leaders at the federal, state, and local levels.
- The federal National Voter Registration Act requires that states take steps to ensure that only eligible citizens are registered to vote.
- Due to the failure of the Biden-Harris Administration to secure the border, states must work even harder to ensure that their elections are not compromised by illegal aliens casting votes.
- Over <u>12 million</u> illegal aliens, including known "<u>gotaways</u>," have entered the country since 2021.
- Further, the Biden-Harris Administration issued Executive Order 14019, <u>directing all federal agencies to register voters</u>, including many federal agencies that interact regularly with illegal aliens.
- These unprecedented efforts put even more responsibility on states to protect the integrity of their elections.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- Louisiana is home to <u>at least 70,000</u> illegal aliens, but this number does not account for the major influx of the last 3 years.
- Louisiana has a population of 4,657,757.
- 70,000 illegal aliens represent 1.503% of Louisiana's population. Though this seems a small fraction, it's enough to make a difference in close elections.
  - The gubernatorial race in Louisiana in 2019 was determined by just 40,212 votes.

#### LOUISIANA MUST TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE

- State election officials should conduct regular voter roll maintenance for transparency and accountability.
- Voters should elect and appoint public officials who understand the importance of this issue.

