



League of Women Voters of Warren County, PA

Thanks for Helping Voters Avoid Confusion!

The League of Women Voters is a political grassroots network and membership organization that believes the freedom to vote is a nonpartisan issue. We work to empower voters and defend democracy. Locally, we work to encourage voter registration and to educate voters about candidate positions through Candidate Forums. This month our VP for Voter Services is registering students newly eligible to vote at our high schools, where she's worked with your wonderful Elections staff to try to have a practice voting machine for the students. Many of our members volunteer as poll workers as well.

We are concerned that controversy about voting and elections will confuse voters, make administering elections more difficult, and reduce citizen confidence in our elections. We are very grateful that as our Board of Elections, you are working to help voters navigate the confusion caused by proposed legislation and recent Executive Orders (EOs).

The US Constitution mandates that election should be *state-run*, with limited Congressional, not Executive, intervention. Yet there are on-going efforts to increase Federal intervention in the election process.

- The SAVE and SAVE America Acts – This proposed federal legislation *has not* passed the Senate and is thus, *not law*. It has drawn a great deal of attention to proposed new voter ID requirements and misinformation about voter fraud.
- The March 25, 2025 and March 31, 2026 Presidential EOs impose many new restrictions on voting, including voter registration, voter ID, and mail-in voting. Voter rights organizations have filed suit to block both EOs. The federal District Court for the District of Columbia has issued an injunction barring federal agencies from implementing key segments of the 2025 EO pending completion of litigation. Litigation has been filed against the 2026 EO as well, and it would not take effect until after the Pennsylvania primaries in any event.

We are very glad that you, as our Warren County Board of Elections, are following these matters as closely as we are. We appreciate your efforts to help prepare the public to participate in upcoming elections, and we offer our help in any way. In particular, we recommend that you, as the Board of Elections, issue what is currently a handout at the Elections Office as a press release and post it at each polling place indicating that for this primary there are **no changes** in voter ID or mail-in voting processes. In the press release, you could also remind citizens of the registration and mail-in ballot request dates. And why not send a letter to our Washington representatives suggesting that we don't need any of these potentially confusing and expensive changes?

In preparing this handout, we found that the Congressional Research Service (CRS), a non-partisan arm of the Library of Congress, is a valuable resource.

March 25, 2025 Executive Order: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/preserving-and-protecting-the-integrity-of-american-elections/>

CRS Legal Sidebar on this Executive Order: <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/LSB11368>

March 31, 2026 Executive Order: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/03/ensuring-citizenship-verification-and-integrity-in-federal-elections/>

Pennsylvania's Attorney General is among the officials suing to block implementation.

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE America Act) and related legislation:

CRS In Focus on this topic: <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF12902>

In our on-going research on these topics, we have noticed that the National Association of Counties (see <https://www.naco.org/news/white-house-issues-executive-order-mail-ballot-procedures-and-citizenship-verification>) and the US Conference of Mayors (<https://www.usmayors.org/2026/03/16/nations-mayors-call-on-u-s-senators-to-oppose-the-save-act/>) oppose these new Federal interventions in voting administration, citing, among other things, unfunded mandates for new requirements and risk to local officials with new enforcement responsibilities.

Thanks so much for this handout, currently available at the Elections Office:

"The Warren County Board of Elections is aware that an executive order was issued on March 31, 2026, by President Trump regarding confirmation of citizenship by federal agencies and the related use of mail ballots. The Board recognizes that court challenges to the executive order are expected, including motions to stay the effect of the executive order. The Board will monitor these legal developments, comply with all federal and state laws, and follow the legal advice provided by our Solicitor. Warren County voters at this time should plan for voting by mail to continue as normal. The Warren County Elections Office will let voters know if our process is changing."