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IMPORTANCE OF CITIZEN-ONLY

VOTING IN MISSOURI

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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 12 million illegal aliens, including known “gotaways,” have entered the country since 2021.
- Further, the Biden-Harris Administration issued Executive Order 14019, directing all federal agencies to register voters, 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

- Missouri is home to at least 65,000 illegal aliens, but this number does not account for the major influx of the last 3 years.
- Missouri has a population of **6,154,913**.
- 65,000 illegal aliens represent 1.05% of Missouri’s population. Though this seems like a small fraction, it’s enough to make a difference in close elections.
 - A 2022 ballot measure had a margin of just **127,412 votes**.
 - Two ballot measures in 2020 had margins of just **59,145 and 83,196 votes**.
 - A 2014 ballot measure had a margin of just **2,375 votes**.

MISSOURI MUST TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE

- Governors should issue an America First model executive order to enforce state election laws and ensure that only eligible U.S. citizens vote.
- State legislators should pass legislation that ensures only U.S. citizens are voting using the America First model policy.
- State election officials should conduct regular voter roll maintenance for transparency and accountability.
- Voters should support ballot initiatives to enshrine citizen-only voting in their state Constitution and elect officials who will enforce it.

