

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law prohibits the office of motor vehicles (OMV) from issuing a state identification card or driver's license of any class to persons who are not citizens of the U.S. and aliens who are lawfully present in the U.S. but have not attained citizenship, unless there is a restriction code on the credential.

New law requires the OMV to issue a notice in the form of official correspondence to any person who is not a citizen of the U.S. or an alien who is lawfully present in the U.S. but has not attained citizenship.

New law requires the notice read as follows:

### "(NOTICE OF VOTING RESTRICTIONS)

Under existing law, persons who are not citizens of the U.S. must not be allowed to register and vote in this state. Persons who are not citizens of the U.S. who attempt to register to vote or attempt to vote in La. violate existing law. This is a felony offense punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, imprisonment for up to two years, or both."

New law requires the notice include a French, Hindi, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese translation, along with any other translation as may be required by existing law.

New law requires the OMV maintain a record of noncitizens who have been provided notice as required by new law. Additionally, specifies the required data be transmitted monthly to the secretary of state for the purpose of voter list maintenance, in accordance with the agreement executed between the parties.

New law requires the OMV to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the requirements of new law, including mailing the notice of voting restrictions and procedures for determining an individual's citizenship and immigration status, along with a restriction code identifier to assign the restriction code.

New law specifies that if the OMV system is unable to accommodate the inclusion of the new restriction codes or credentials, any system upgrade must include the capability to comply with the requirements of new law.

Provides for severability should any part of the Act become invalid.

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and the OMV to imprint the restriction code on applicable credentials as soon as its system is updated.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 32:414.6)