

# SB 384

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## Remove Barrier for Voter Registration

Currently, when registering to vote in Louisiana, voter registration application forms require:

- ➔ Date of Application
- ➔ Voter's Name
- ➔ Date of birth
- ➔ Place of Residence
- ➔ Driver's License or ID number if issued

Additionally, voter registration forms must include space for:

- ➔ Voter's sex
- ➔ Race or ethnic origin
- ➔ Single political party affiliation
- ➔ Place of birth
- ➔ Mothers maiden name
- ➔ Email address
- ➔ Phone number
- ➔ Mothers maiden name
- ➔ Last residence address
- ➔ Place of registration
- ➔ Former registered name
- ➔ And whether the voter will need assistance when voting.

When voting in person on election day or during early voting, a voter must show a photo identification card, and **if that is not available, the voter must sign and complete an affidavit that includes their date of birth and mother's maiden name.**

**This proposed legislation would remove the option to include mother's maiden name.** Further, it would update the law so that if a voter does not have a photo identification card, they must sign an affidavit with their full name and address where they are registered to vote instead of utilizing their mother's maiden name. **By removing the Mother's maiden name from the options for additional information and using it as a confirmation of a signed affidavit, it removes a barrier to voting for people who may not have access to their mother's maiden name and instead uses information that would be available to more voters.**

Inability to include a voter's mother's maiden name on otherwise completed forms has been used as a reason for the registrar of voters to decline a voter registration form and this proposed legislation would remove that barrier.



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