



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 68

Introduced by: **Senator** Carley

- 1 **An Act to require an individual be a citizen of the United States before being eligible**
- 2 **to vote and to provide a penalty therefor.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 12-3-1 be AMENDED:**

- 5 **12-3-1.** ~~Every person who, at the time of an election, maintains~~ An individual may
- 6 vote at an election in this state only if, at the time of the election, the individual:
- 7 (1) Is a citizen of the United States;
- 8 (2) Maintains residence in this state, will be as defined in § 12-1-4;
- 9 (3) Is at least eighteen years of age or older on or before the next election, is;
- 10 (4) Is not otherwise disqualified, and complies; and
- 11 (5) Complies with the law regarding the registration of voters, pursuant to chapter 12-
- 12 4, may vote at any election in this state.
- 13 A violation of this section is a Class 5 felony.