



Florida Republicans Are Making It Harder to Vote *and* Easier to Ignore Voters

Florida's democracy is under attack from two directions: voter suppression and gerrymandering.

This year, Republicans in Tallahassee advanced [SB 1334](#), an elections bill that Democrats and voting-rights advocates warn could remove eligible voters from the rolls and create new barriers to voter registration. The measure requires additional citizenship verification procedures and expands voter eligibility reviews that could lead to eligible voters being flagged or removed if records do not match government databases. Critics argue that these bureaucratic hurdles are likely to fall hardest on students, seniors, married women whose names have changed, naturalized citizens, and communities of color.

Supporters claim the bill is needed to protect election integrity. Yet there is little evidence of widespread non-citizen voting in Florida, and opponents argue the real effect will be to make voting more difficult for law-abiding citizens.

At the same time, Republicans have pushed new congressional maps that Democrats contend violate Florida's Fair Districts protections. These maps are designed to reduce competition, weaken minority representation, and protect Republican incumbents. The practical result could be fewer voices speaking up in Congress for affordable healthcare, Social Security, Medicare, public education, and working families.

When politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their politicians, democracy suffers.

What You Can Do

The good news is that voters still have power.

- [Check your voter registration](#) status regularly.
- Encourage friends and family members to verify their registrations.
- [Sign up to vote](#) by mail if eligible.

- Stay informed about redistricting and voting-rights lawsuits.
- [Contact your elected officials](#) and demand fair elections.
- Most importantly, vote in every election—from local races to statewide contests.

Democracy only works when everyone has a voice. Floridians fought hard for the right to vote and for fair representation. We cannot allow partisan politicians to take those rights away. The response must be simple and powerful: stay registered, stay engaged, and show up at the ballot box. Every vote is a statement that democracy belongs to the people—not to politicians trying to rig the rules.