

HJR 5

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Elinor Chehey. I live in Boise and am representing the League of Women Voters of Idaho. I am here to speak in opposition to HJR 5. It is unnecessary in Idaho and is inspired by a national organization that is unhappy that some cities have allowed non-citizens to vote. That is not likely to happen in Idaho.

When we vote in Idaho, the election clerk scans our driver's license into the electronic poll book. The electronic poll books are not connected to the internet. After the polls close and the ballots are counted, the elections staff will check the drivers' license for new voters to see if they are flagged as non-citizens. The staff contacts those voters whose licenses were flagged, and gives them the opportunity to bring in or send a copy of their naturalization papers. If they do not come in promptly, staff can go to the US Citizenship and Immigration Service website where agencies can verify the immigration status and citizenship of people who apply for benefits and voter registration. Idaho has had very few problems with illegal voting.

Those are ways of proving citizenship. The voter registration cards say very plainly that Any elector who supplies any information knowing it to be false is guilty of perjury which is punishable by imprisonment and a fine of up to \$50,000. An immigrant who votes illegally can be deported.

Please vote No on HJR 5. It is unnecessary.