



Noncitizen Pawns in the Voting Wars

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But you there are no non-citizens on our voter rolls,” Allegan County Clerk Bob Genetski [posted](#) last Tuesday on Facebook, “please tell her I spent the bulk of my morning trying to help a man who was within days of his ceremony to become a U.S. citizen, when he got a letter from Homeland Security suspending his application because they found he was registered to vote — a shock [to] him!”

How could this happen?

“State records show he was registered by the Secretary of State’s Office (most likely while getting a driver’s license),” explains Genetski.

The State of Michigan automatically registers everyone at the DMV — U.S. citizen or not — without bothering to inform them.

Especially of the consequences.

“My heart breaks for this guy,” the county clerk confided, “trying to do the right thing while some yahoo registered him to vote against his will.”

“Secretary of State’s office does this automatically,” said one commenter. “My sister-in-law, a Canadian Citizen with a Green Card came to live with us for a short time while looking for a new place to live. She had been living in Florida and had a Florida Driver’s License. She went to SOS to get a Michigan License. Without her knowledge or consent, they registered her to vote. We found out when her voter ID card arrived in the mail.”

If Secretary Benson and other politicians truly cared about and respected immigrants, they wouldn’t slap them onto voting rolls without their express permission.

Potentially scuttling their chance to become citizens. And be able to vote.

Legally.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.