

## **Senator Rand Paul's "Secure the Vote" Amendment**

Senator Rand Paul's "Secure the Vote" Amendment insures that individuals on work visas or given status under the bill are not allowed to vote in federal elections until they become citizens. The amendment will provide new procedures to encourage states to check that individuals gaining status or a work visa are not registered to vote.

- **Federal Funding Conditions**
  - Federal election funding is conditioned on states checking voters against a visa database to ensure legal voting. States that do not implement verification procedures in federal elections within one year will also lose ten percent of their federal highway funds.
  - The Department of Homeland Security must certify to Congress each year those states or the District of Columbia that have registered noncitizens to vote.
  
- **Affidavit and Penalties**
  - Registered Provisional Immigrants, temporary and employment-based visa holders, refugees and other visa holders must provide the following:
    - An affidavit that they have not voted illegally in the past.
    - Will not register to vote until they become citizens.
  - Registered Provisional Immigrants, temporary and employment-based visa holders, refugees and other visa holders are barred from receiving such status or visas if they registered to vote or voted in any prior federal election.
  
- **Department of Homeland Security Verification**
  - The DHS must verify that applicants have not registered or voted before granting status.
  - The DHS must immediately provide all states with access to its visa databases and other immigrant databases for verification of the status of registered voters and all individuals applying to register to vote.
  
- **Bars to Legal Status**
  - Registered Provisional Immigrants, temporary and employment-based visa holders, refugees and other visa holders who receive such status or visas and then illegally register to vote or vote in any federal elections will not be eligible to apply for permanent residence or citizenship.