

Maine Democrat Politician Admits Noncitizens Are on Voting Rolls

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Shenna Bellows demonstrates how Mainers are now electronically registering to vote.

As the Trump administration prepares an executive order to ban mail-in voting and require voter identification, Maine's Democrat secretary of state admitted non-citizen residents are registered to vote in her state. "I'm sure there are, in some isolated incidents, some non-citizens may be on the rolls," said Shenna Bellows, who is running for Maine governor in 2026. This comes after Maine refused to comply with Department of Justice's recent request to ensure Maine's voter rolls are clean.

"Shenna Bellows fully admitted that non-citizens are registered to vote in Maine's elections, and yet she refuses to clean up the voter rolls," Republican National Committee press secretary Kiersten Pels told The Daily Signal. "Bellows is undermining Maine voters with her lack of transparency and blatant disregard for the law."

In July 2025, the DOJ requested information from Bellows regarding Maine's maintenance procedures for complying with the statewide voter registration list provisions of the National Voter Registration Act.

The act requires each state to make available for inspection "all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters." Bellows refused to comply with the DOJ's letter.

"The Gulf of Maine is awfully cold, but maybe that's what the DOJ needs to cool down," she said. "So, here's my answer to Trump's DOJ today: go jump in the Gulf of Maine."

Though Bellows was unwilling to work with the DOJ, she did send Maine's voter rolls to ERIC, a far-left non-profit that has faced data privacy breach concerns.

Bellows has opposed Republican election integrity in the past. In 2024, she attempted to remove President Donald Trump from Maine's primary election ballot, comparing blocking Trump from the ballot to rejecting candidates who do not meet other prerequisites, like the constitutional age requirement.

"Her failure to act and reckless partisanship shows she's more interested in attacking President Trump than protecting Maine's elections," Pels said.