

RESOLUTION 2026-192

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE SAFEGUARD AMERICAN VOTER ELIGIBILITY (SAVE) ACT

WHEREAS: the Integrity, accuracy, and public confidence in the electoral process are fundamental to the preservation of representative democracy in the United States; and

WHEREAS: the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (the SAVE Act) is federal legislation intended to ensure that only United States citizens are permitted to register and vote in federal elections; and

WHEREAS: the SAVE Act proposes to require documentary proof of United States citizenship for voter registration in federal elections, thereby strengthening existing safeguards against unlawful voting; and

WHEREAS: maintaining accurate voter rolls is essential to ensuring fair elections and preserving public trust in election outcomes; and

WHEREAS: local election officials, including those in Ocean County, are responsible for administering elections in compliance with federal and state law and benefit from clear, consistent, and enforceable standards regarding voter eligibility; and

WHEREAS: policies that enhance verification processes while maintaining accessibility for eligible voters help balance election integrity with voter participation; and

WHEREAS: the Township of Barnegat Mayor and Committee recognizes the importance of protecting the rights of lawful voters while ensuring that election systems are secure, transparent, and free from fraud; and

WHEREAS: the SAVE Act seeks to provide election officials with additional tools and clarity to verify voter eligibility and maintain the integrity of voter registration systems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: by the Barnegat Township Committee, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, the following:

1. The Township Mayor and Committee hereby express its support for the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE Act) as a measure intended to strengthen the integrity and security of federal elections.
2. The Governing Body urges members of the United States Congress to support and advance the SAVE Act, ensuring that appropriate safeguards are in place to verify voter eligibility while preserving access for all lawful voters.
3. The Governing Body further encourages that any implementation of the SAVE Act includes sufficient funding, guidance, and administrative support to local election officials to avoid unfunded mandates and additional burdens on county and municipal governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the United States, the leadership of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and all municipalities within Ocean County.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of said Township at their regular meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ on the 5th day of May, 2026.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk