



# LOUISIANA NEEDS ITS OWN VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Whether it's a lack of polling places in Black communities, significant disparities in voter turnout by race, or hidden agendas in redistricting designed to silence Black voices, Louisiana urgently needs to address discriminatory barriers to the ballot. Louisiana has the chance in 2026 to advance the freedom to vote and defend its voters from discrimination by passing the Louisiana Voting Rights Act (LAVRA).

## Louisiana Voters Are at Risk of Losing Critical Protections Against Racial Discrimination in Voting

Black voters are currently facing the greatest assault on voting rights since Jim Crow. In recent years, the Supreme Court has severely weakened the protections of the federal Voting Rights Act through cases like *Shelby County* and *Brnovich* — and is currently considering *Louisiana v. Callais*, a case which directly threatens Black Louisianians' right to fair representation.

With attacks at the federal level increasing every day, it's more important than ever that Louisiana enacts the LAVRA. These protections would go a long way to counteract both recent and historical efforts to diminish the political power of voters of color.



## The LAVRA Will Protect Black Voters and Increase Access to the Ballot

It's time for Louisiana to set a new standard for protecting the right to vote. **The LAVRA will:**

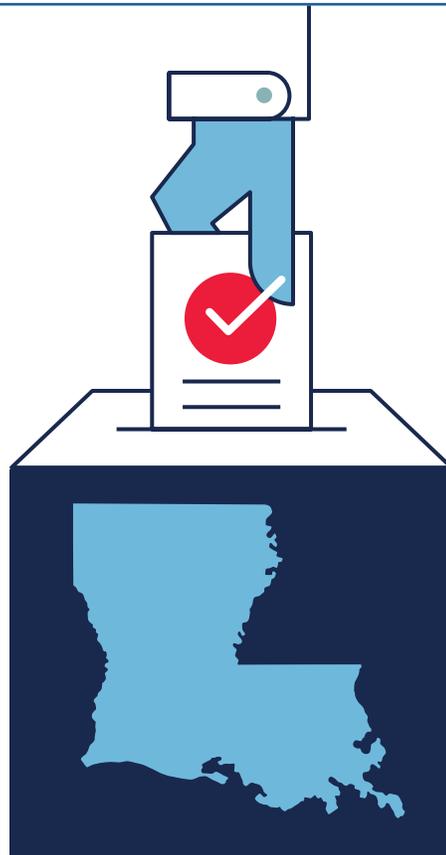
**Prohibit Voter Suppression:** Confront threats to voter participation and access to voting opportunities that occur through discriminatory barriers to the ballot.

**Prohibit Vote Dilution:** Protect against unfair district maps or election systems that weaken or drown out people's voices based on their race.

**Stop Voting Discrimination Before It Occurs:** Require certain parishes or cities with a history of discrimination to obtain approval before making changes to voting practices.

**Empower Voters to Fight Discrimination in Court:** Allow both the government and individuals to go bring a case in state court to fight voting discrimination.

**Create a non-partisan, expert-driven Voting Rights Commission:** Administer an equitable pre-approval process to prevent discrimination in high-risk places.



# 78%

**of voters support the passage of a state-level Voting Rights Act.**

Now is the time for Louisiana to lead as other states and Congress struggle to move forward on voting rights. Louisianians deserve an elections system that works for all voters, not just a privileged few.