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This is baffling—and embarrassing. Both the US and Oregon Constitutions state that a person has to be a citizen of the United States in order to vote (see Oregon Constitution Art. II, Section 2: Qualifications of electors. (1) Every citizen of the United States is entitled to vote in all elections)

It seems a no-brainer that the State should be checking to make sure that only citizens are registered to vote. How can the State be neglecting such a fundamental obligation that we need a law to make sure the State does what it is already obligated to do under the Constitution? Can the Constitution be ignored as long as there is not another law to enforce it? Don't our elected officials take an oath to uphold our Constitution?

In my opinion, House Bill 3470 shouldn't be necessary, but I guess, given the negligence of our Secretary of State, this bill is needed.

Please vote for HB 3470.