



Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections

Federal Bill H.R. 22/S128, SAVE Act: Impacts on Voter Eligibility and Departmental Administration

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Background

- January 2025 – Identical bills introduced by Congress
 - House of Representatives Bill H.R. 22
 - Senate Bill S128
 - Referred to as the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act
- March 25, 2025 – Executive Order 14248 issued by President Trump
 - Titled “Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections”



SAVE Act and EO 14248

Major Similarities and Differences

SAVE Act	EO 14248
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aims to address noncitizen voting• Implements stricter voter registration requirements• Eliminates online and mail registrations as well as registration drives• Disenfranchises specific demographics• Introduces criminal penalties for election officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aims to enhance election security• Mandates states to adopt stricter voter registration requirements• Authorizes federal review of voter registration lists• Prohibits states from counting mail-in ballots received after Election Day• Penalizes states and withholds funding for noncompliance

Impacts on Eligible Voters

- Requires eligible voters to prove their citizenship when registering to vote
- Requires eligible voters to appear in-person when updating information
- Eliminates online, mail-in, and DMV voter registration
- Eliminates address updates through the USPS
- Disproportionately affects certain demographics
- Creates an unfunded mandate



2024 Voter Registration Trends

45,390 Registrations across Santa Cruz County in 2024

Method used for the registration/update:

DMV – 26,755

Mail – 2,739

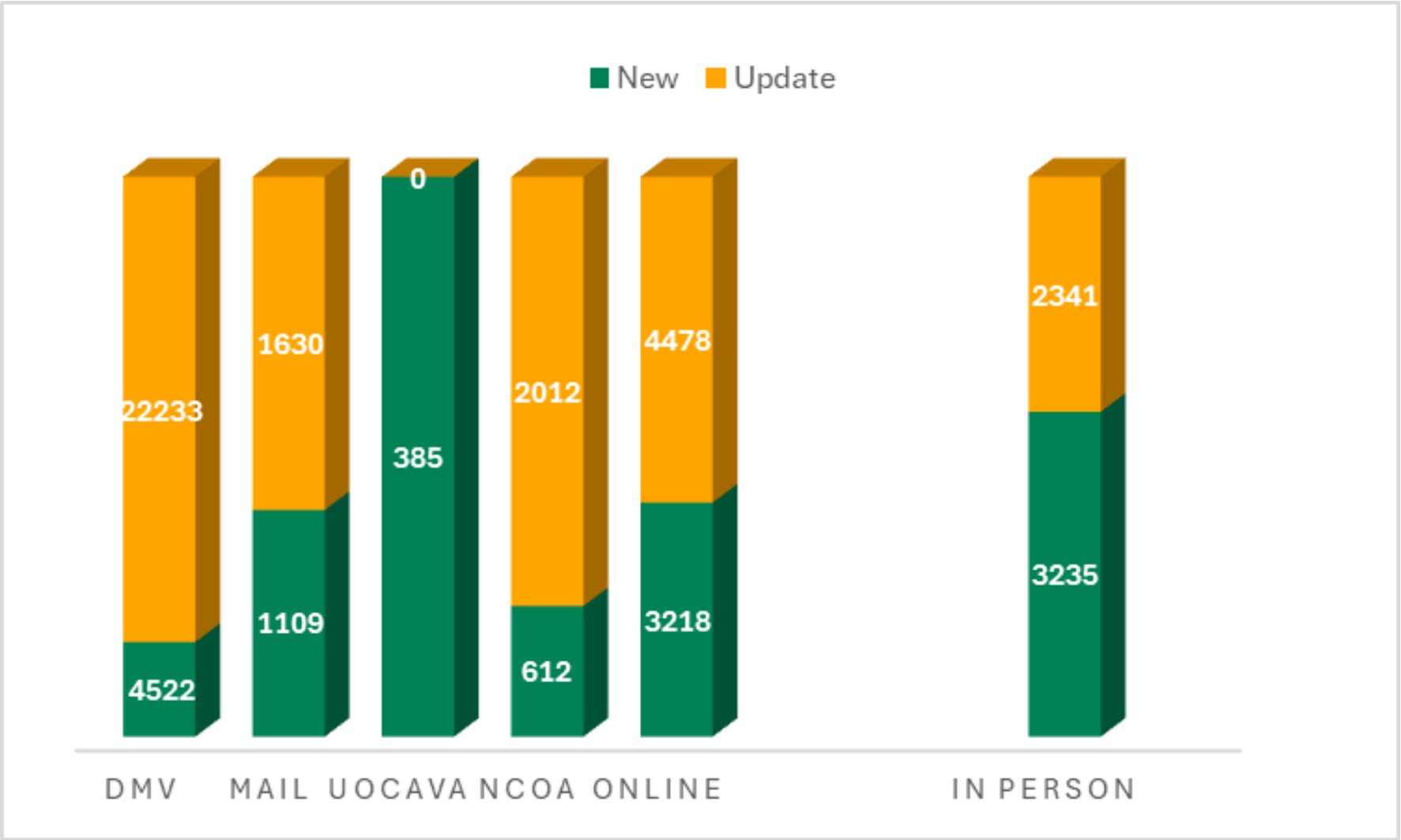
Military/Overseas (UOCAVA) – 385

USPS Change of Address (NCOA) – 2,624

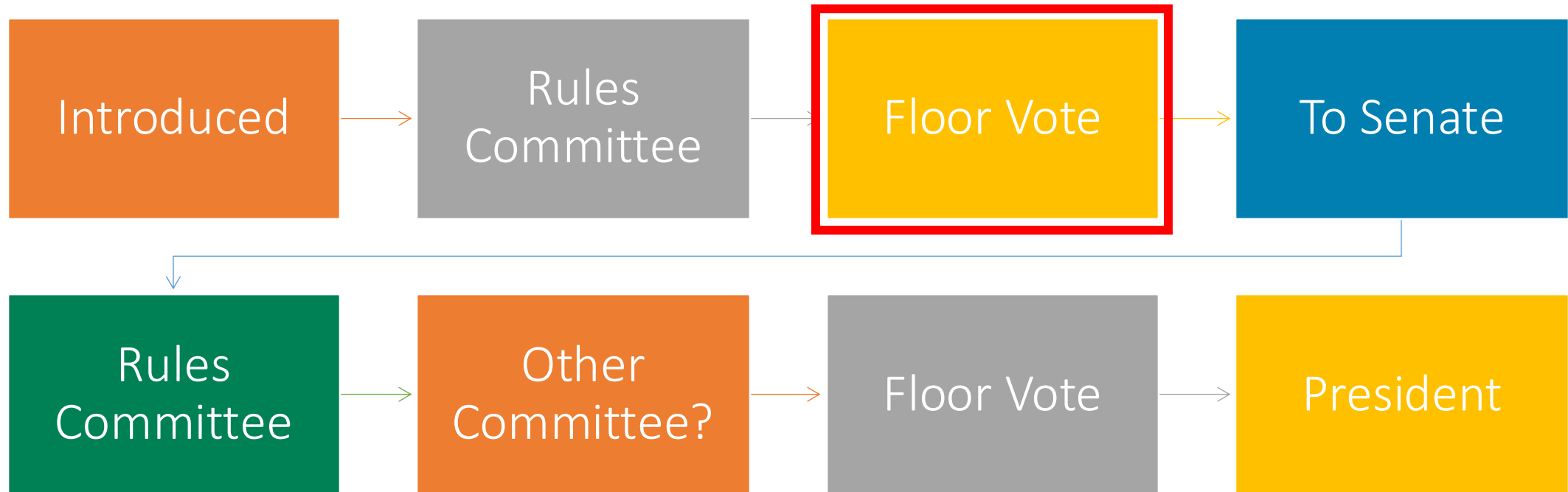
Online – 7,696

In Person – 5,576

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Tracking the Bill



Recommendation

Letter to All Members of Congress, Expressing Opposition to the Proposed Bills

Thank You

