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New voting rules coming?

How the SAVE Act could change Alabama elections

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The SAVE America Act, a controversial voter ID bill, remains stalled in the Senate after a key amendment failed Thursday. While lawmakers passed funding to end the partial government shutdown, the future of the bill and its impact on voters in Alabama remains uncertain.

Lawmakers are currently on a two-week break.

Here's what to know about the SAVE Act and how it can impact Alabama.

What is the SAVE America Act?

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE), officially S.1383, passed the House of Representatives last month by a narrow 218-213 vote. The bill would require Americans to provide proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote and show photo identification for federal elections.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Real ID-compliant identification showing U.S. citizenship
- Valid U.S. passport

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Alabama bar named one of America's best for beer by USA Today

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It's 5 o'clock. You've wrapped the day, and somewhere between that first deep breath and the first cold sip, beer just makes sense.

Beer isn't just a beverage, it's a vibe. Of course, even a great beer is better in the right room—with the taps, the buzz and the bartenders who get it.

That's exactly why, when it comes to atmosphere, one Alabama bar is getting national attention. A standout spot in the Yellowhammer State has been named one of the best beer bars in America, earning a place on USA Today's coveted 10Best list.

The honor comes as part of the USA Today 10BEST Reader's Choice Awards, which spotlight the top spots in travel, food and lifestyle across the country. Each week, a panel of experts suggests their favorite attractions, from off-the-beaten-path treasures to

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Operation removes dozens of guns, arrests 63 people

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Local, state and federal law enforcement agents say a months-long operation has removed dozens of guns from

the streets of Montgomery and resulted in the arrest of some of the area's most violent criminals.

"Operation Southern Star" was "aimed at crushing violent crime within Montgomery," said Sara J. Jones, special agent in charge of the FBI's Mobile field

office. It culminated in a two-week roundup that resulted in 63 arrests, 52 guns recovered, 40 drug seizures, seven search warrants issued and \$10,341 in cash seized, a release states.

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Driving the Vote for Equality



Susan Nourse drives in Montgomery on March 18 during the Driving the Vote for Equality Tour. The 25 state tour features the Golden Flyer II, a 1914 restored Saxon motorcar, used during the 1916 cross-country suffrage journey of Alice Burke and Nell Richardson to rally support for women's voting rights.

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A portrait of suffragist Alice Burke behind the wheel of the Saxon "Golden Flyer" auto she and Nell Richardson used to drive 10,700 miles in a loop around the United States. The photo appeared in the Montgomery Advertiser on April 19, 1916, days before they arrived in Montgomery.

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New suffragists journey across US for Equal Rights Amendment

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The year was 1916, and Montgomery was one stop on a perilous 10,700-mile loop around the country for Alice Burke and Nell Richardson in their new "Golden Flyer," a little yellow Saxon car.

They were suffragists on a quest — through a nation full of broken roads, rough terrain, mud, streams, drunken hecklers, animals, gunfire, and all manner of weather — to spread the message that all women deserve the right to vote.

More than a century later, a similar message is being shared from another



Author Jeryl Schriever is shown in Montgomery on March 18 during the Driving the Vote for Equality Tour.

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Women took Golden Flyer 10,700 miles to get women the vote in 1916

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By the time Alice Burke and Nell Richardson rolled into Montgomery on April 22, 1916, they'd been through a difficult, 16-day ride. The "roads" between New York and Alabama had been rough to non-existent.

But like their little yellow Saxon car, the Golden Flyer, they'd survived these first 1,207 miles. They also showed little stress at the thought of having around 9,500 more miles to go.

First and foremost to them was the effort to change hearts and minds in Montgomery. Burke, 39, and

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