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Noncitizens caught wrongly registered to vote

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Aurora | Some residents of Arapahoe County who are not U.S. citizens have been able to vote in past elections, according to county and state officials.

"Anyone who can obtain a driver's license, whether they're a U.S. citizen or not, the reality is, if they are willing to falsely sign that affidavit, then they're going to be able to vote," said Secretary of State Mike Coffman.

Rep. Nancy Todd, D-Aurora, asked Coffman and Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy Doty Jan. 30 about concerns that illegal immigrants could vote in the upcoming presidential election.

Doty said Arapahoe County had caught four or five voters when they tried to use their voter registration to apply for U.S. citizenship.

They had voted, she added.

Coffman said a legal resident of Weld County had applied for citizenship with his voter registration.

"Is it widespread? We have no idea," Coffman said. "We just don't know."

Adams County Clerk and Recorder Karen Long said one resident was caught trying to apply for citizenship last year with their voter registration record.

"We had one case that we turned over to the (district attorney)," Long said. "I'm not aware it's a wide spread problem."