

SB 227 by Senator Colomb, REAL ID

- SB 227 will repeal Acts of the Louisiana Legislature that were put in place to protect the private identity documents of citizens.
(SB 227, page 1, lines 2 and 3)
- SB 227 gives the Department of Homeland Security authority it presently does not have over the requirements and purposes of Louisiana licenses and IDs. SB 227 delegates power to the Federal Government that by the 10th amendment of the U.S. Constitution belongs to the State and the people.
US Title II Sec 205(a) and Title II Sec 201(3)
- REAL ID violates the fourth amendment rights of citizens to be secure in their persons and papers. They are electronically seizing our papers!
(US Title II Sec 202(d)(1))
- REAL ID will require Louisiana to allow every other state access to Louisiana's motor vehicle database. So, the security of our private documents is only as good as the security systems and employees of the weakest state.
US Title II Sec 202(d)(1))
- REAL ID does not clearly restrict what data will be stored, how it will be used, and who can access it. Louisiana cannot control what the DHS requires; nor can Louisiana control what other states or entities do with the data.
- Deadlines have changed for ten years and will continue to change until all states are on board. The latest deadline is October 1, 2020. More than half of the states are not compliant and don't want to be.
<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2016/01/08/statement-secretary-jeh-c-johnson-final-phase-real-id-act-implementation>
- REAL IDs are only one of many acceptable forms of ID to board a plane.
(U.S. passport or card, U.S. Military ID, Permanent Resident card, Border crossing card, TSA issued ID, Foreign government-issued passport etc. are all acceptable to board a plane.)
<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>
- REAL ID is not being requested by Louisiana citizens, but by the Federal government and the State Police.
- If SB 227 doesn't detail the actual requirements of REAL ID, how can anyone know the costs?