

IMMIGRATION POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

In September, President Trump issued an executive order allowing states and localities to prohibit the resettlement of refugees. Forty-three states, including Missouri, have consented to refugee resettlement. Texas is the only state that has refused. However, on January 15th, a federal judge temporarily blocked this executive order from going into effect.

PUBLIC CHARGE

The Supreme Court lifted the nationwide injunction on the "public charge" rule, allowing it to be implemented while the legal battle plays out. The "public charge" rule creates new barriers for low-income immigrants that are applying for permanent residency.

FEE SCHEDULE

In November, USCIS released a proposal to adjust the government filing fees for certain immigration and naturalization benefits. The proposed changes can be seen below.

Benefit Sought	Current Fees	Proposed Fees	Net Difference	% Change
Naturalization	\$640	\$1,170	\$530	83%
Adjustment of Status	\$1,225	\$2,195	\$970	79%
Affirmative Asylum	N/A	\$50	\$50	N/A
DACA Renewals	\$495	\$765	\$270	55%

STATE

SANCTUARY CITIES

SB 589 expands the scope of existing anti-sanctuary policies, mandating the police-to-ICE pipeline that already destroys our families and our communities.

IN-STATE TUITION

SB 642 would prohibit public institutions of higher education from offering in-state tuition to undocumented students.

HB 3 would prohibit funding from public institutions of higher education that offer less than international tuition rates to undocumented students.

HB 1423 would establish tuition equity for undocumented students living in Missouri.

HB 1863 would establish the Missouri Tuition Equity Act.

VOTING

HJR 75 seeks to amend the Missouri Constitution to say that "only," instead of "all," U.S. citizens can vote in Missouri elections.