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An American-born woman married to a white or African alien before March 2, 1907, and who has retained her actual residence in this country, has not lost her citizenship and may, if otherwise eligible, register and vote.

An American-born woman married to an alien between March 2, 1907 and September 22, 1922 lost her citizenship, regardless of residence.

*Ex. Act 6, 1907
July 2, 1921*

An American-born woman married to a white or African alien since September 22, 1922, and who has retained her actual residence in this country, has not lost her citizenship and may, if otherwise eligible, register and vote.

W ✓ If the husband of an alien woman became naturalized before September 22, 1922, she obtained citizenship by that naturalization; or if an alien woman married an American citizen before September 22, 1922, she gained citizenship by that marriage.

Since September 22, 1922, neither marriage nor naturalization affects the citizenship of the wife.

Naturalization of the father or the widowed mother naturalizes all children under age at the date of final admission to citizenship of the parent, provided that on that date they are residing in the United States.

First or Second Papers in naturalization confer no rights of citizenship.