

## Persecution of Jews

The succession of anti-Jewish laws in Nazi Germany started on April 7, 1933, with legislation that removed Jews from civil service and the practice of law. German Jews lost their citizenship and most political rights on September 15, 1935; a November 14, 1935, decree deprived Jews of the right to vote.

*This March 18, 1936, post card announces the March 29 Reichstag election, and notifies the recipient where her polling place is located. The address side is headed, "Pay attention to reverse!" There the text states:*

Registration in the voter list or the possession of this card in themselves offer no evidence of the right to vote. Jews are specifically excluded from the right to vote in accordance with Section 5 of the first decree of the Reich citizenship law of November 14, 1935.

*It goes on to define a Jew legally by criteria of ancestry, religious practice, or marriage, and requires any Jewish recipient of the card to return it immediately to authorities. "Whoever, without being entitled to vote, casts a ballot, will be punished by imprisonment and a fine, or one of those penalties."*

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