

Is Cruz Canadian?

Possibly. But, more importantly, he's an American, and "natural born" at that, and thus eligible for election to the office of Presidency of the United States. The "natural born" requirement was inserted in our Constitution to ensure there would not occur a future "return of the Hanoverians," i.e., the descendants of George III, or "any other European royal claimants to the former colonies," for that matter. An unforeseen confusion, engendered by children being born to American diplomats serving abroad, was recognized in the very initial year of George Washington's first term, and on 26 March 1790, Congress clarified matters passing for Washington's signature, "*the children of citizens of the United States, that may be born beyond sea, or out of the limits of the United States, shall be considered as natural born citizens*" [Act of Mar. 26, 1790, ch. 3, 1 Stat. 104].

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