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Broward Voter Rolls Case Has National Implications

A federal judge could make a national example out of Broward County election's office. Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes has been on trial defending her office against the ACRU's claims that it isn't doing enough to remove ineligible voters from the county's voter rolls, a practice that could lead to fraud. <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-reg-targeting-voter-rolls-20170803-story.html>

Trial over Broward's Disputed Voter List Is Over

Broward County is not doing enough to remove ineligible voters from its lists, it was claimed at a federal trial that wrapped up. The argument came from the conservative American Civil Rights Union, which has been pursuing similar claims nationwide. <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-sb-broward-elections-trial-wrap-20170801-story.html>

Knight in *Washington Times*: Keeping Elections Honest

What is "reasonable" when preventing vote fraud? While Bill Clinton may still be pondering the meaning of the word "is," a federal court in Miami is trying to define what the word "reasonable" means. The ruling in this historic case could well determine how secure elections are all over the United States for years to come. At issue in the American Civil Rights Union's lawsuit against Broward County, Florida, whose

weeklong trial ended last Wednesday, is what constitutes "reasonable" measures that must be taken to ensure accurate and up-to-date voter lists.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/aug/6/election-integrity-needs-to-be-a-top-priority/>

Why Not Designate Elections as 'Critical Infrastructure'?

Unlike states, where officials are often monitored by the local community and involved in local political squabbles, the federal government would be an allegedly objective and neutral yet very distant and unreachable, overseer. Unfortunately, under the highly politicized Obama Department of Justice, we saw the "neutral IRS" targeting conservative tea party groups. What is to stop a similar future DHS administration from treating states differently or shading the efforts at the request of those candidates it is sympathetic to? Who is to say a DHS Secretary could not favor one side, as it seems Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch may have done as the head of the Department of Justice? http://dailycaller.com/2017/08/03/why-not-to-designate-elections-as-critical-infrastructure/?utm_source=site-share

Von Spakovsky and Adams in the *WSJ*: Critics Try to Smear Trump's Election Integrity Commission

It's one thing to attack a proposed policy. It's another thing to attack someone for simply asking a question. Yet that's exactly what President Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity is facing from the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and others. Since the

president signed an executive order creating the commission in May, these organizations have attacked members of the commission personally, including the authors of this article. Some critics seem offended that voter fraud was mentioned during the meeting, as if it doesn't exist or we shouldn't be concerned about it. But as the U.S. Supreme Court recognized in 2008 when it upheld Indiana's voter ID law, fraud has a long history in U.S. elections. The Heritage Foundation maintains a database of almost 1,100 proven cases of election fraud.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/critics-try-to-smear-trumps-election-integrity-commission-1501709170?mod=e2two>

Another Judge Denies Request to Block Trump Voter Fraud Commission

Another federal judge has turned down a request to prevent President Donald Trump's voter fraud commission from going forward with plans to collect information on about 200 million American voters. After an hour-long hearing last Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth denied the watchdog group Common Cause's motion for a temporary restraining order focused on data requests to all 50 states by the panel's vice chair, Kris Kobach. The requests — seeking publicly available voter information, including dates of birth, partial Social Security numbers and criminal conviction details — led some state election officials to say they didn't plan to comply or would limit the information they would share. Civil rights groups also complained that the entire effort was aimed at disenfranchising minority voters.

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2017/08/01/trump-voter-fraud-commission-241219>

REDISTRICTING

No Special Election for NC Legislative Districts; New Map Due by Sept. 1st

A U.S. federal court has decided that North Carolina will not need to hold a special election prior to November 2018 for legislative voting districts that the court deemed were unconstitutionally gerrymandered. Last week, the same three-judge panel that struck down the legislative districts last year, ordered state lawmakers to redraw the maps by September 1, 2017. <http://nsjonline.com/article/2017/08/no-special-election-for-nc-leg-districts/>

STATES

Maryland City Wants Non-citizens to Vote

The radical nature of the voting scheme reflects the progressive view that borders are merely artificial inconveniences and that citizenship is a leftover concept from slave-holding days that should give way to global consciousness.

<http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2017/08/maryland-city-to-allow-noncitizens-to-vote.html#.WYHIAIxsse8.twitter>