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# ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

## Democrats Quickly Build Massive Network to Combat Voter ID Laws

Let America Vote has been established by former Democratic Missouri Secretary of State and failed Senate candidate Jason Kander. The group says they are dedicated to "winning the public debate over voter suppression in the United States." The nonprofit appointed high-level liberal operatives to its advisory board. Josh Earnest, President Obama's former White House Press Secretary; Martin Luther King Jr. III, a human rights activist; Stephanie Schriock, the president of EMILY's List; and Jon Favreau, a former speechwriter for Obama; all sit on the 27-person advisory board. Guy Cecil, Chairman of Priorities USA, has also joined the board. Priorities USA was the largest liberal super PAC that backed Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. Marc Elias, the former top campaign lawyer for Clinton's presidential campaign and a partner at the Washington, D.C. office of the Perkins Coie law firm, is also listed as a member of the advisory board. Priorities will build a national database that's intended to be a "one-stop inventory" on voting measures which it will share with other progressive groups.  
<http://freebeacon.com/politics/democrats-quickly-build-massive-network-combat-voter-id-laws/>

## Holder Launches National New Democratic Redistricting Effort

Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC) will target races in every election cycle through 2020 – including

gubernatorial, state legislative and ballot initiative campaigns where Democrats can produce “fairer” electoral maps in 2021.

<https://democraticredistricting.com/press-release-holder-launches-new-democratic-redistricting-effort/>

## Top Trump Aide Says White House Has 'Enormous Evidence' of Vote Fraud

President Trump's assertions about widespread voter fraud in the 2016 elections re-emerged this weekend, with a top Trump policy adviser, Stephen Miller, saying Sunday the White House has provided “enormous evidence” to support claims while still producing no evidence.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/02/12/top-trump-aide-says-white-house-has-enormous-evidence-voter-fraud.html>

## Judicial Watch Announces Expert Special Panel Presentation, 'The Voter Fraud Crisis'

Judicial Watch will host a special educational panel on Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. ET to discuss “The Voter Fraud Crisis.”

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/judicial-watch-announces-expert-special-panel-presentation-voter-fraud-crisis/>

## House Panel Votes to Close Election Assistance Commission

Rep. Gregg Harper, R-Miss., chairman of the House Administration Committee, said the Election Assistance Commission has "outlived" its usefulness. The committee voted 6-3 to approve Harper's measure. It's not clear yet when and if the House will consider the measure. Harper has introduced a bill four times to eliminate the agency. The House has passed the legislation only once, but the measure may stand a better chance this session in the Republican-controlled Congress.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/02/07/house-panel-votes-close-election-assistance-commission/97603326/>

## Gallup: Four in Five Americans Support Voter ID Laws, Early Voting

New Gallup research shows four in five Americans support both early voting and voter ID laws. A smaller majority of 63% support automatic voter registration.

<http://feed.hypervocal.com/items/459330>

### IN THE STATES

## Green Card Holder Sentenced to 8 Years of Prison after Illegally Voting in Texas

A permanent U.S. resident was sentenced to eight years in prison and faces eventual deportation after she illegally voted in the 2012 and 2014 elections in Texas. A Tarrant County grand jury found Rosa Maria Ortega, 37, of Grand Prairie, Texas, a Dallas suburb, guilty Wednesday on two counts of illegal voting. Ortega, the mother of four, voted in the November 2012 election and May 2014 GOP primary runoff in Dallas County knowing she wasn't a U.S. citizen.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2017/02/12/Green-card-holder-sentenced-after-illegally-voting-in-Texas/7761486914161/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2017/02/12/Green-card-holder-sentenced-after-illegally-voting-in-Texas/7761486914161/)

## Mexican in Illinois Charged with Vote Fraud

URBANA — A Mexican national who has lived in Urbana since 2005, allegedly using a stolen identity, was arraigned Thursday on seven federal counts, including four related to voting by an illegal immigrant. Miguel Valencia-Sandoval, 33, who allegedly had been using the identity of a Texas man named Ramiro G. Vasquez, pleaded not guilty to the charges before Magistrate Eric Long at U.S. District Court in Urbana.

<http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2017-02-10/urbana-man-charged-living-voting-us-illegally.html>

## Montana Legislator Asserts Vote Fraud in Pushing ID Law

A Montana legislator seeking to toughen the state's voter ID law alleged Thursday that vote fraud is occurring at polling places across the state, as opponents sought to kill the bill as an unnecessary barrier to voting.

<http://newsok.com/montana-legislator-asserts-voter-fraud-in-pushing-id-law/article/feed/1164851>

## Missouri Officials' Next Step: Deciding How to Pay for Voter ID Law

A majority of Missouri residents said they wanted voters to have to show a photo ID at the polls, and lawmakers obliged. Now, state officials must figure out how to pay for the law, which goes into effect June 1. Gov. Eric Greitens has said the budget to implement the law should be \$300,000. Republican Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft said Tuesday that it'll cost more like \$1.5 million.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/missouri-officials-next-step-deciding-how-pay-voter-id-law#stream/0>

## **Idaho Bill Would List Concealed Carry Permit as Voter ID**

Rep. Don Cheatham, R-Post Falls, introduced legislation to the House State Affairs committee on Monday that would allow voters to use a concealed carry permit as voter identification.

<http://www.kivitv.com/news/bill-to-allow-concealed-carry-permit-as-voter-id-introduced>

## **Florida Felon Cast Ballot in 2016 Election**

Shortly after his July 1 conviction, Deszi Marquis Hayes requested a mail out voter ballot from the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office, which was sent directly to the Indian River County Jail.

<http://flarecord.com/stories/511050804-florida-felon-cast-ballot-in-the-2016-election>