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# ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

## FEDERAL

### While the Left Ignores Vote Fraud, More Evidence Proves Them Wrong

“The Heritage Foundation’s voter fraud database is growing longer by the day,” write Jason Snead and Robert Ordway in The Daily Signal. “This week, we are adding 19 convictions, including cases from Texas, Colorado, and Illinois. These are just the latest convictions. Yet despite the overwhelming evidence, the left prefers to bury its head in the sand and refuses to acknowledge the reality of Voter fraud. To date, we have documented 773 confirmed criminal convictions in 492 voter fraud cases spanning 44 states.”

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/05/03/left-ignores-voter-fraud-evidence-mounts-prove-wrong/>

### 23 Voter Fraud Cases from 2016 and Beyond

President Donald Trump kept the threat of voter fraud on the front pages both before and after the 2016 Election. Although ballots have long since been counted, cases of illegal voting and other election law violations continue to surface in the aftermath.

<http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/05/05/23-voter-fraud-cases-from-2016-and-beyond/>

### DOJ: Massachusetts Man Admits to Selling IDs to Illegal Aliens

A Dominican national living in Springfield pleaded guilty in federal court on Thursday to several charges in connection with his role in trafficking the identities of U.S. citizens from Puerto Rico. According to a release sent to 22News from the Department of Justice, 46-year-old Sandro Tavera Mora admitted to selling identification documents to illegal aliens, who would use the information to assume the identity of U.S. citizens. The Department of Justice says that Mora operated as a document broker in Springfield and was a part of a group of conspirators around the country who solicited customers and sold Social Security cards and Puerto Rican birth certificates for prices ranging from \$400 to \$1,200 per set.

<http://wwlp.com/2017/05/05/doj-springfield-man-admitted-to-selling-identification-documents-to-illegal-aliens/>

**STATES****Indiana: Common Cause, NAACP Sue over Marion County Early Voting**

Marion County's single location for early voting provides unequal access to the ballot, argues a federal lawsuit filed last Tuesday by Common Cause and the NAACP. Plaintiffs allege that Indianapolis' sole early voting precinct is discriminatory and constitutes voter suppression. The suit takes aim at the system in which one of the three unelected members of the Marion County Election Board, most recently Republican Party member Maura Hoff, has vetoed multiple early voting locations in the state's most populous county.

The result has been sometimes-long lines at the sole location for early voting, the Marion County Clerk's office in the Indianapolis City-County Building. The suit requests an injunction and an order that refusal to approve satellite voting locations for early in-person voting violated these constitutional protections.

<http://www.theindianalawyer.com/common-cause-naacp-sue-over-marion-county-early-voting/PARAMS/article/43598>

**Iowa: New Voter ID Bill Signed Into Law**

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad (R.) signed a voter identification bill into law on Friday. HF 516 requires voters to show identification at the polls beginning in 2019. If an individual cannot afford an identification card or does not have one, a card will be provided free of charge.

The law provides additional submission guidelines for third-party voter registration organizers and establishes requirements for post-election audits and referring illegal votes to local law enforcement. The law also adjusts the absentee voting period to 29 days before an election and creates an electronic poll book to identify felon status.

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/new-voter-id-bill-signed-law-iowa/>

**Kansas: Secretary of State Announces Ninth Voter Fraud Conviction**

Kris Kobach announced another voter fraud conviction, this time in the case of a man who he said voted in both Kansas and Texas. The most recent voter fraud conviction is the ninth Kobach has obtained since he was given the power to prosecute voter fraud, according to a release from his office. "This conviction demonstrates once again how prevalent the crime of double voting is," Kobach said in a statement. "In Kansas, we are making it clear that people who willfully vote twice will be prosecuted."

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article148434369.html>

**Maine: Here's Your License, Now Get Into that Voting Booth**

Having killed a perfectly good photo voter ID bill in late April that was backed by Republican Gov. Paul LePage, Maine's Democrats are bidding to use the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to cram the voting rolls with people who can't be bothered to take a minute to register.

[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2017/05/heres\\_your\\_license\\_now\\_get\\_into\\_that\\_voting\\_booth.html#.WQn2GhzEXgE.twitter](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2017/05/heres_your_license_now_get_into_that_voting_booth.html#.WQn2GhzEXgE.twitter)

## New Hampshire: Busted Ex-ACORN Employee Fights Voter Reform of Same Day Registration

A former ACORN employee who illegally paid for voter registrations during the 2008 presidential election is now working for a group connected to liberal billionaire George Soros that is actively fighting against a voter fraud prevention bill in New Hampshire. Amy Busefink, the deputy director at Project Vote, a Washington, D.C.-based voter mobilization organization that was closely affiliated with the now-defunct Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), is seeking to defeat attempts to reform New Hampshire's voter registration process. Republicans in New Hampshire want to change the definition of a "domicile" for voter registration purposes.

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/busted-ex-acorn-employee-fighting-nh-voter-registration-reform/>

## Pennsylvania: Philly's Felonious Franchise

"In the City of Brotherly Love, you can retain your voter registration no matter what crime you commit," writes ACRU Senior Fellow Robert Knight in *The Washington Times*. "That's because election officials refuse to take convicted felons off the voter rolls even if they're still serving time in jail. One potential voter is convicted baby murderer Kermit Gosnell. In May 2013, in a case that shocked the nation, Gosnell was convicted of first-degree murder for killing fully developed babies born alive at his abortion clinic by severing their spines with scissors.

"Also still registered to vote is Philadelphia's former 11-term Democratic Congressman Chaka Fattah, who was convicted of racketeering and in January began serving 10 years, the second-longest prison term ever for a former member of Congress.

"Although city officials maintain that Pennsylvania law limits felons' voting rights based on their incarcerated status, a city attorney admitted that if someone were to "put a polling place in the prison," felons on the rolls would be permitted to vote. They just can't vote by absentee ballot. Or can they? The absurdly shifting legal stance was exposed on April 27 during a court hearing in *American Civil Rights Union v. Philadelphia City Commissioners* at the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/may/7/philadelphia-allows-those-in-jail-to-vote/>

## Texas: 'I feel violated': Senior Citizens Rattled by Vote Fraud in West Dallas, Grand Prairie

In the past few weeks, dozens of ballots in bright green envelopes showed up at homes in West Dallas and Grand Prairie. The residents — all of retirement age — were confused. They hadn't requested mail-in ballots for the May 6 municipal elections, but yet, here they were.

When those same voters called the Dallas County Elections Department, one by one, many were told the same thing: Your signature appears on the mail-in ballot application. And a guy named Jose Rodriguez signed it, too, saying he helped you.

Only people who are 65 and older or disabled are eligible to request annual ballots to vote by mail. It's not illegal for campaigns to help someone fill out an application to vote by mail, though it is illegal to try to influence the person's vote. But the residents in these cases say their signatures on those ballot applications were forged. <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/dallas-county/2017/05/04/feel-violated-senior-citizens-rattled-voter-fraud-west-dallas-grand-prairie>

## Virginia: Election Officials Say Hundreds of Noncitizens Were Registered to Vote

At a state elections board meeting in Richmond last week, it was reported that somehow almost 700 noncitizens were on the voting rolls. The correction was made because these people self-reported as being noncitizens at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/35355265/election-officials-say-hundreds-of-noncitizens-were-registered-to-vote#.WQ5WszDrmXQ.twitter>

## REDISTRICTING

### Ohio Attorney General Rejects Congressional Redistricting Amendment Language

Mike DeWine on Thursday rejected a proposal that would change how Ohio draws its congressional districts. But supporters say they have plenty of time to resubmit their constitutional amendment and collect the signatures to put it on the November 2018 ballot.

Fair Congressional Districts for Ohio recently submitted its proposed constitutional amendment and a summary to appear on petitions. DeWine cited two errors where the summary language did not match the proposed Bipartisan Congressional Redistricting Reform Amendment.

[http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/05/ohio\\_attorney\\_general\\_rejects.html](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/05/ohio_attorney_general_rejects.html)

### Brief for Republican National Committee in Wisconsin Redistricting Case

<http://www.scotusblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/16-1161-cert-amicus-rnc.pdf>