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# ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

## LEAD STORY

### ACRU: Lawsuit Demands Broward County Clean Up Corrupted Voter Rolls

Monday night The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) filed an appellant brief in *American Civil Rights Union v. Snipes*, arguing that Broward County officials are failing to remove ineligible names from voter rolls and putting citizens' votes at risk of being diluted by ballot fraud, seeking to overturn a March 30<sup>th</sup> trial court ruling siding with the county.

<https://www.theacru.org/florida-county-violates-federal-law-fails-to-protect-citizens-votes/>

## FEDERAL

### Florida: Rick Scott Demands Bill Nelson Provide Proof of Russian Election Meddling

Amid growing concerns over the security of Florida voter registration systems, Gov. Rick Scott demanded that Sen. Bill Nelson prove a vague claim that Russians have penetrated state safeguards. "Did Nelson illegally release classified information? Or did he make this charge of Russian penetration up?" the governor asks in Tampa. Amid growing concerns over the security of Florida voter registration systems, Gov. Rick Scott demanded that Sen. Bill Nelson prove a vague claim that Russians have penetrated state safeguards. "Either Bill

Nelson knows of crucial information the federal government is withholding from Florida elections officials or he is simply making things up," Scott said in prepared remarks at a campaign event in Tampa.

<https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/08/10/rick-scott-demands-bill-nelson-provide-proof-of-russian-election-meddling/>

### Breitbart: Exclusive—Eric Eggers: November Midterms 'Poised for a Tsunami of Voter Fraud'

The Government Accountability Institute's (GAI) Eric Eggers, author of *Fraud: How the Left Plans to Steal the Next Election*, warned of a potential "tsunami of voter fraud" within November's forthcoming midterm elections. Eggers pointed to narrow electoral margins of victory in Tuesday's elections as evidence of vulnerability to the threat of voter fraud. He noted how voter fraud had been documented in numbers large enough to swing presidential elections. "We found that in the state of Florida, in 2016, there were 2,100 double-votes that were cast. That means 2,100 times, somebody that lives in Florida cast a ballot, and then cast a second ballot in a different state. ... That's nearly four times what the margin of victory was in the presidential election in 2000."

<https://www.breitbart.com/radio/2018/08/08/exclusive-eric-eggers-november-midterms-poised-for-a-tsunami-of-voter-fraud/>

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## Breitbart: Perez on Ohio Special Election: ‘What Won Yesterday Was Gerrymandering’

On Wednesday’s broadcast of CNN’s “New Day,” DNC Chairman Tom Perez commented on the special election in Ohio’s 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and stated that the district was “heavily gerrymandered” in favor of Republican candidate Troy Balderson, and “what won yesterday was gerrymandering.”

<https://www.breitbart.com/video/2018/08/08/perez-on-ohio-special-election-what-won-yesterday-was-gerrymandering/>

### STATES

## Alabama: Voter ID Law Had No ‘Suppression’ Impact on Black Americans in Recent Election

Alabama’s voter ID laws had no suppression impact on black American turnout in the state’s most recent Senate election. Despite constant accusations from organizations funded by billionaire George Soros and Democrats that laws mandating voters show ID ahead of casting a ballot suppress minority turnout, the most recent case in Alabama seemingly debunks this theory. In the Alabama Senate runoff election in late 2017—where Roy Moore and Doug Jones fought to take Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ former seat—black Americans turned out in droves to push Jones over the edge to win the election, even as the state had implemented a new voter ID law.

<https://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/08/10/voter-id-law-had-no-suppression-impact-on-black-americans-in-recent-alabama-election/>

## Iowa: State Supreme Court Hears Arguments in Voter ID Law Appeal

The Iowa Supreme Court has heard arguments about a legal challenge to a new state voter identification law and a judge’s ruling that puts several aspects of absentee voting in the law on hold. Under an injunction issued in July by a judge the state is prohibited from shortening the time to

cast absentee ballots from 40 days to 29 days. The state is also barred from requiring that absentee ballots include a voter verification number and from allowing ballots to be thrown out when a local election official determines the voter’s signature doesn’t match one on file. Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate’s appeal asks the court to overturn the injunction.

<http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Iowa-Supreme-Court-hears-arguments-in-voter-ID-law-appeal-490483231.html>

## Kansas: 110 Votes Now Separate Colyer and Kobach

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach handed over his election responsibilities on Friday to a top deputy who is known as a staunch conservative as he remains locked in a tight race with Gov. Jeff Colyer for the Republican nomination. Kobach, who argues voter fraud is a significant problem, also accused Colyer of using rhetoric that may undermine public confidence in the election process. As of Friday evening, Kobach held a lead of 110 votes.

<https://www.kansascity.com/latest-news/article216487350.html>

## Kentucky: Election Fraud Investigation in Robertson

A special prosecutor has been assigned to a case involving alleged election/voter fraud in Robertson County during the May primary election. According to Terry Sebastian, spokesperson with the Kentucky Attorney General’s office, the OAG received complaints during the election cycle. Sebastian said Robertson County Commonwealth’s Attorney Doug Miller reached out to the OAG to make officials aware of complaints he had also received. “Our office has primary jurisdiction, but Miller called us to let us know about the possible irregularities and asked to be recused from the investigation,” Sebastian said. “A special prosecutor is now looking into it.”

<https://maysville-online.com/news/154564/investigating-into-alleged-election-fraud-underway-in-robertson-county>

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## Minnesota: Hennepin County Investigates Rare Voting Violation in Minneapolis Absentee Ballots

Authorities are investigating what they call a rare incident of voting violations in Minneapolis after a person used someone else's name to complete witness verification forms for several absentee ballots. Hennepin County Elections Manager Ginny Gelms said election staff witnessed the incident and worked with the city to track down 12 absentee ballots involved. The ballots were spoiled and the dozen voters were notified and sent replacement ballots, Gelms said.

<http://www.startribune.com/hennepin-county-investigates-rare-voting-violation-in-minneapolis-absentee-ballots/490500221/>

## North Carolina: Election Board Investigating Alleged Voter Fraud in Robeson County

The North Carolina State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement announced that investigators are reviewing alleged misconduct by individuals at voter registration drives across the state. Robeson County is on the list of counties under investigation as well as New Hanover and Pitt Counties.

According to a press release, the board received multiple reports of misconduct including individuals posing as voting officials, falsifying voter registration documents and misleading voters to file multiple voter registrations. “The State Board will investigate all credible allegations of voter registration fraud by individuals or organizations.”

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/38863556/nc-election-board-investigating-alleged-voter-fraud-in-robeson-county>

## Ohio: Race Just Got Closer After County Finds Hundreds of Uncounted Votes

The tight race between Democrat Danny O’Connor and Republican Troy Balderson just got tighter. Election officials in Franklin County found 588 previously uncounted votes in a Columbus suburb. The result: O’Connor had a net gain of 190 votes, bringing the race's margin down to 1,564. “The

votes from a portion of one voting location had not been processed into the tabulation system,” according to a Franklin County Board of Elections news release. Balderson declared victory Tuesday night in the closely watched congressional district race in central Ohio. But O’Connor says he’s waiting for all votes to be counted. That includes 3,435 provisional ballots and 5,048 absentee ballots, which will be tabulated by Aug. 24.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/08/08/ohio-midterm-uncounted-votes-danny-oconnor-troy-balderson/941603002/>

## Ohio: Expert: 170 Registered Voters in the State’s 12<sup>th</sup> District Listed as Over 116 Years Old

Republican Troy Balderson clings to a narrow margin in last night’s special election for Ohio’s 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, underscoring the impact voter fraud can have in key elections around the country. The separation of 1700 votes, or less than one percent, highlights the recent attempt by Democratic activists to fight efforts to prevent voter fraud from occurring. Consider that 170 registered voters listed as being over 116 years old still existed on the rolls of Ohio’s 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional last August. That’s 10 percent of Balderson’s current margin of victory, pending provisional ballots. And 72 voters over the age of 116 who “live” in Balderson’s district cast ballots in the 2016 election. As former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell has pointed out, “hyper-partisan liberals...have their eyes on Ohio.” Electing a Democrat as the state’s top elections official would undoubtedly roll back the hard-won safeguards Ohio has implemented. And as Blackwell points out, as goes Ohio, so goes the Presidency.

<https://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/08/08/expert-170-registered-voters-in-ohios-12th-district-listed-as-over-116-years-old/>

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**REDISTRICTING****UtahPolicy.com: Utah Senate President Criticizes Redistricting State Ballot Initiative**

Utah Senate Pres. Wayne Niederhauser says the redistricting initiative that will be on the ballot in November is really an attempt by Salt Lake City Democrats to pack a congressional district with Democratic voters. “Better Boundaries Initiative” is nothing more than a cleverly disguised partisan ploy to silence the voice of the people of Utah as represented by the Legislature. It unconstitutionally gives authority over redistricting to unelected individuals and the courts. Make no mistake about it, the backers of this initiative are not seeking to create a transparent, fair, and constitutionally sound redistricting process—we already have that. They are seeking to pack what is now a competitive congressional district with Democrat voters to create a single, safe, and solidly Democrat congressional district around Salt Lake City.

<https://utahpolicy.com/index.php/features/featured-articles/17420-niederhauser-criticizes-better-boundaries-redistricting-initiative>

**Virginia: Court asks State GOP: What’s the Redistricting Plan?**

Virginia Republican lawmakers have a two-week deadline to declare whether they plan to comply with a court order to redraw the state’s legislative map. A federal court issued an order Wednesday giving House Republican members until Aug. 24 to say what their plans are. The court has previously ordered lawmakers to come up with a new map by October after ruling that lawmakers illegally packed black voters into certain districts to make surrounding districts whiter and more Republican. GOP House Speaker Kirk Cox has appealed that ruling and asked that the October deadline be put off until the U.S. Supreme Court weighs in on the case. A spokesman for Cox did not immediately respond for comment on Wednesday’s order.

<https://wfirnews.com/news/court-asks-virginia-gop-whats-the-redistricting-plan>