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LEAD STORY

House to Vote on Resolution Admonishing Cities for Allowing Illegal Aliens to Vote in Local Elections

The U.S. House of Representatives will vote this week on a resolution offered by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy that admonishes U.S. cities for allowing illegal aliens to vote in local elections. The two-page bill states that allowing illegal aliens the right to vote disenfranchises American citizens. <https://bit.ly/2QO9K03>

FEDERAL

Fair Lines: 2020 Reapportionment Forecast—the Twelve Bubble Seats

Every ten years the U.S. Census reapportions congressional representation, shifting both seats and sometimes electoral college votes. Most changes are seen coming well in advance of the census, but occasionally a seat or two shifts unexpectedly. Fair Lines America has identified 12 seats currently on the bubble for apportionment. <https://fairlines.org/blog/apportionment/2020-reapportionment-forecast-the-12-bubble-seats>

STATES

Arkansas: Court Hears Challenge Over Reworked Voter ID Law

Justices are considering a challenge to the 2017 voter ID law. They halted a judge's order in May that blocked the voter ID law's enforcement, keeping the requirement in place while they take up the case.

<https://wtop.com/national/2018/09/arkansas-court-hears-challenge-over-reworked-voter-id-law/>

Arizona: Judge Won't Order Immediate Address Updates of State Voter Registration List

A federal judge has refused to order Secretary of State Michele Reagan to immediately update voter registration addresses of 384,000 Arizonans who moved since the last election. But the ruling leaves the door open to further court action to ensure that Reagan—or whoever succeeds her—finally brings the state into compliance with federal voting laws. <https://bit.ly/2ON0vLY>

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California: State DMV Finds 3,000 More Unintended Voter Registrations

The Department of Motor Vehicles said that an additional 3,000 people were mistakenly signed up to vote during the rollout of the state's new "motor voter" program, errors made during the spring and summer and part of a larger batch of problems first reported two weeks ago. While the total number of registration errors between mid-April and early-August remains the same—estimated at roughly 23,000—the new discovery more than doubles the instances in which customers unsuccessfully tried to opt out of registering to vote, the DMV said.

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-dmv-additional-voter-registration-errors-20180920-story.html>

Georgia: DeKalb Senate Candidate Claims People Voted After Polls Closed

An unsuccessful DeKalb Senate candidate is claiming people voted after the polls closed. Sabrina McKenzie is suing DeKalb County elections officials over her defeat in the May primary. She lost by 111 votes to Senate minority leader Steve Henson. She claims people in at least one precinct were allowed to vote after polls closed. She also says some voters got the wrong ballots.

<https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/dekalb-county/dekalb-senate-candidate-claims-people-voted-after-polls-closed/837304071>

Illinois: Union President: 'Vote Early, Vote Often, Whatever You Can Get Away With...'

At a Labor Rally, Totsy Bailey, Local 439 Steamfitters/Pipefitters Union president, can be heard saying, "Vote early, vote often, whatever you can get away with... I shouldn't say that, but, I don't care." When reached for comment, Bailey said he didn't have a comment about his words and hung up the phone abruptly.

<https://bit.ly/2IaQMMU>

Kentucky: The State Board of Elections Is in Chaos as Election Day Nears

The power struggle is intense between the staff of the State Board of Elections and Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes over control of Kentucky's election system. Jared Dearing, executive director of the State Board of Elections, filed a complaint last month with the board, the executive branch ethics commission and the state personnel board, alleging Grimes had overstepped her authority by eliminating the independence of the board's staff, asking her staffers to access the voter database, and creating a hostile work environment.

<https://www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government/article218604920.html>

Louisiana: Board Member Charged with Felony Over Dueling Addresses on Voter Registration

The vice chairman of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors was charged with filing a false public record after investigators found his voter registration and homestead exemption were for two different Ascension Parish addresses.

<https://bit.ly/2MT0581>

New Hampshire: Couple Charged with Double Voting in 2016 Election

A couple accused of casting ballots in two states are the first to face voter fraud charges in New Hampshire after their names were flagged by a multistate database.

http://www.bostonherald.com/news/us_politics/2018/09/new_hampshire_couple_charged_with_double_voting_in_2016_election

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New Jersey: Hoboken Woman Paid Voters \$50 in Vote-by-Mail Bribery Scheme

A Hudson County woman is accused of paying Hoboken residents to cast mail-in ballots for particular candidates in what federal authorities describe as a voter bribery scheme. Lizaida Camis, 55, of Hoboken is charged with violating the Travel Act for causing mail to be used to aid voter bribery. Craig Carpenito, the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey, said Camis paid voters \$50 in 2013 to apply for vote-by-mail ballots and then cast them for candidates whose campaigns employed her.

https://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2018/09/hoboken_woman_conducted_vote_by_mail_bribery_schem.html

Pennsylvania: Review Finds Nearly 400 Potentially Ineligible Voters in Berks County

With Nov. 6 quickly approaching, Berks County election officials have been poring over voter rolls to ensure they are accurate. Officials recently received a list from the Pennsylvania Department of State informing them that there may be as many as 371 Berks residents, including those who were not U.S. citizens, who were ineligible to vote when they registered. The analysis by the state was triggered by the discovery last year of an oversight in the PennDOT's motor-voter system. The review found about 8,700 potentially ineligible voters remain on the rolls across 64 counties.

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/review-finds-nearly-400-potentially-ineligible-voters-in-berks-county>

Texas: State Declares 'Final Victory' in Voter ID Lawsuit

A United States District Court judge dismissed the lawsuit which challenged the Texas voter ID law, announced Attorney General Ken Paxton late Monday. This marked the end of seven years of litigation over the state's attempts to enact a voter ID law.

<https://www.breitbart.com/texas/2018/09/18/texas-declares-final-victory-in-voter-id-lawsuit/>

West Virginia: Morgan County Man Arrested for Voting Illegally in Two States

A man has been charged for allegedly voting illegally in two states. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department worked alongside West Virginia Secretary of State Investigator Gary Harmison to apprehend Jeffrey Hartman, 72, for illegal voting.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2018/09/17/morgan-county-man-arrested-for-voting-illegally-in-two-states>

REDISTRICTING

Missouri: Court Lets Redistricting Initiative Go to Voters

A Missouri appeals court panel cleared the way for voters to decide a November ballot initiative that could shake up of the state Legislature by requiring districts to be drawn to achieve "partisan fairness" and imposing new lobbying limits. Attorneys for those opposing the measure said they would appeal to the state Supreme Court. But time is running short. Missouri law sets a Tuesday deadline to make changes to the Nov. 6. ballot.

<http://www.kbia.org/post/missouri-court-lets-redistricting-initiative-go-voters#stream>

Virginia: Republicans Propose Their Own Redistricting Plan

House Republicans released their own proposed map Tuesday afternoon in the ongoing debate over redrawing some of Virginia's legislative districts. The plan is the latest move in a tense political debate over a court-ordered redrawing of 11 House of Delegates districts. Lawmakers have until Oct. 30 to produce a map, or else a federal court will take over.

<https://bit.ly/2QOC4Pj>