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# ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

## The Vital Importance of Clean Voter Rolls Finally Makes the News!

ACRU has fought in federal court for more than six years. Our landmark case against battleground Broward County awaits 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision.

### LEAD ISSUES

#### **Liberty Headlines: Voter Fraud Runs Rampant as States Refuse to Clean Up Their Voter Rolls—At Least 1.8 Million Dead People Remain on Voter Rolls...**

Hundreds of counties across the U.S. have deceased people, felons and former residents on their voter rolls, despite federal law requiring them to clean out their registered voters list. According to RealClearPolitics, 400 counties out of America's 2,800 "have voter registration rates over 100 percent." This means that there are more people on voter rolls than there are people eligible to vote in the county, leaving the booths wide open for voter fraud. Los Angeles is the biggest offender but has made minimal efforts to clean up its voter roll.

<https://www.libertyheadlines.com/states-refuse-clean-voter-rolls/>

#### **Washington Examiner: Unless Scrubbed Clean, US Voter Lists Invite Major Fraud**

For years, a hardy band of mostly conservative lawyers has been warning that American voter rolls are so poorly maintained as to be absolutely ripe for, and perhaps already rife with, abuse. At Real Clear Investigations on July 11, reporter Mark Hemingway amply confirmed that those attorneys were correct. Hemingway reports that Los Angeles County has an astonishing 1.6 million more people listed on its voter rolls than there are actual, voting-age residents of the county. Statewide, California's official voter registration stands at 101 percent of its population, which is astounding considering that many Californians are not even citizens. Obviously, when there are more names on the lists than voters, there is plenty of room for error, mischief, or outright fraud. California is hardly alone. Eight whole states, plus the District of Columbia, have "voter registration tallies exceeding 100percent," as do 15 percent of all-American counties.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/unless-scrubbed-clean-us-voter-lists-invite-major-fraud>

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## Blaze: Ripe for Fraud—Hundreds of US Counties Have More Registered Voters Than Living Voters Who Are Eligible to Vote

RealClear Politics' investigative unit published an in-depth analysis Thursday, revealing the widespread practice of counties nationwide who refuse to clean up their voter rolls. The report showed Los Angeles is California's worst offender, and further found that 400 counties out of America's 2,800 "have voter registration rates over 100 percent." Author Mark Hemingway wrote, "In sum, America's voter rolls are a mess—and everyone knows it. While voter registration rates over 100 percent are not proof of fraud, they certainly create opportunities that otherwise wouldn't exist, such as voting twice in different precincts or the potential for requesting and filling out absentee ballots."

<https://www.theblaze.com/news/ripe-for-fraud-hundreds-of-u-s-counties-have-more-registered-voters-than-those-even-eligible>

## RealClear Politics: Exposing the Truth About Voter Rolls

Pew Research found that 2.75 million Americans are registered to vote in two states. I guess they don't think any of that is really important. I want now to introduce you to Mark Hemingway, who did investigative work into these bloated voter rolls, and how that dynamic is rife for potential fraud down the road. Are people conspiracy theorists for worrying about voter fraud, multiple votes, people who shouldn't be voting because they are not American citizens voting?

[https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2019/07/12/mark\\_hemingway\\_exposing\\_the\\_truth\\_about\\_voter\\_rolls.html](https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2019/07/12/mark_hemingway_exposing_the_truth_about_voter_rolls.html)

## Patriot Post: Alternate Route for the Citizenship Question

All the wrangling over the citizenship question on the 2020 census led Thursday to President Donald Trump's Rose Garden announcement that while he will no longer attempt to put the question on next year's census, he will take action to collect as much pertinent information as possible from his Cabinet

agencies. Trump declared, "I will be issuing an executive order to put this very plan into effect immediately. I'm hereby ordering every department and agency in the federal government to provide the Department of Commerce with all requested records regarding the number of citizens and noncitizens in our country. Knowing this information is vital to formulating sound public policy." It's also vital in determining accurate population counts for representation in Congress. Indeed, Trump argued correctly, rabid opposition to the citizenship question "is part of a broader left-wing effort to erode the rights of the American citizen." As a final thought, it's possible that Democrats are digging a hole for themselves on redistricting. In other words, by excluding the citizenship question and then pushing for redistricting based on population growth, they could be opening themselves up for legal challenges because there is not sufficient evidence that the people counted are U.S. citizens.

<https://patriotpost.us/articles/64245-alternate-route-for-the-citizenship-question>

## NATIONAL

### The Hill: Presidential Popular Vote Compact Would Lead to Chaos

The Electoral College has many critics, from frustrated partisans to political scientists convinced of their own ability to improve on the work of the American Founders. Lacking the national consensus necessary to change the Constitution, some of these critics are pushing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC), which would have states commit (supposedly, at least) their electoral votes to the candidate who receives the most votes across the country. The NPVIC compact would leave the country with 51 separate elections (every state plus the District of Columbia) operating under 51 sets of procedures and rules. All these separate elections cannot simply be added together to declare a winner—trying to do so would lead to chaos.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/452467-presidential-popular-vote-compact-would-lead-to-chaos>

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## Breitbart: Bernie Joins Radical Colleagues in Calling for Abolishment of the Electoral College

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is the latest in the group of Democrat 2020 candidates calling for the removal of the Electoral College, telling a group of people at a town hall Thursday he would support the abolishment of the system.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/07/12/bernie-joins-radical-colleagues-in-calling-for-abolishment-of-the-electoral-college/>

## New York Post: Democrats' Hysteria Over Basic Voting Security Undermining US Democracy

Such is the state of modern liberalism that it sees oppression even in efforts to clean up voter rolls by removing those who've moved or died, as required by federal law. One result: Hyper-progressive California now totals registered voters equal to 101 percent of the adult population, including noncitizens and citizens not registered, with eight counties well above the 100 percent line. That news comes from the nonpartisan Election Integrity Project California, which just released a report claiming nearly 1 million registered Golden State voters are ineligible. That's up more than 60,000 in two years from the number in the group's previous such report, even after Los Angeles agreed to clean up its voter lists to settle a lawsuit. "Dirty" voter rolls are an open invitation to fraud, especially in states like California that don't require voter ID—another no-no to the modern left. Democrats insist that voter fraud simply doesn't happen, and all the talk of how, say, the old Chicago machine "got out the graveyard vote," is just paranoia. When the left insists on seeing evil in something as basic as keeping voter registries updated, you have to wonder if progressives even care about keeping American democracy functional.

<https://nyp.st/2XWfegn>

## STATES

### California: Nearly 1 Million Registered to Vote Are Ineligible, Says Non-Partisan Group

A nonpartisan group has reported that there are still several counties in California where the number of registered voters is greater than the number of eligible citizens, with the total nearing 1 million people. The Election Integrity Project California (EIPCa) stated in a release on July 8 that if voter problems are not promptly addressed by state officials, fraudulent election activities may continue to haunt the state. Using the state's own data on active and inactive status registrants, the organization found that eight counties have not cleaned up their inactive registrant lists, despite a 2018 legal settlement that requires California counties to properly maintain their voter rolls and remove inactive voters according to federal law. According to EIPCa, there are currently 991,411 people registered who are ineligible to vote. This is a staggering increase of 928,035 persons over the group's 2017 report.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/nearly-1-million-californians-registered-to-vote-are-ineligible-says-non-partisan-group\\_2999064.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/nearly-1-million-californians-registered-to-vote-are-ineligible-says-non-partisan-group_2999064.html)

### Colorado: Question to Repeal National Popular Vote Compact in Colorado is Poised for 2020 Ballot

The advocates behind an effort to repeal the national popular vote compact signed by Colorado Gov. Jared Polis say they've verified enough signatures to get their challenge on the 2020 ballot. The deadline to submit petitions is Aug. 1, and Coloradans Vote, the issue committee challenging the new law, reports it has authenticated more than 150,000 voter signatures using state records. More signatures are still pouring into the office. To make the ballot, the group needs verified signatures from 124,632 registered voters.

<https://coloradosun.com/2019/07/15/national-popular-vote-repeal-colorado-2020-ballot/>

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## Florida: Deltona City Manager, Accused of Voter Fraud, Does Community Service in Lake Helen

Lake Helen mayor questions why Deltona City Manager Jane Shang was left alone in city's offices since she doesn't work there. Shang had a variety of options when it came to ways she could fulfill the community service requirement of her deferred prosecution agreement, stemming from a charge of voter fraud. Shang, who manages Volusia County's most populated city, has completed just over half of her required community service, 100 hours, helping Lake Helen, one of the county's least populated cities. Shang accepted the pretrial intervention agreement from the State Attorney's Office in June after admitting to submitting false voter identification information and willfully voting in an election for which she wasn't qualified. During a visit to Lake Helen City Hall on a recent Saturday, Mayor Daisy Raisler was surprised to find Shang who declined to comment for this story, Commissioner Rick Basso said he understood why Raisler was uncomfortable. "There's a big difference between leaving somebody alone to pick up trash outside and leaving somebody alone inside your office where all of your records are," Basso said.

<https://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20190719/deltona-city-manager-jane-shang-accused-of-voter-fraud-does-community-service-in-lake-helen>

## Georgia: Election Report Disputes Voter Suppression Claims

The United States Election Assistance Commission recently released its Election Administration and Voting Survey Report for the 2018 elections, which named Georgia as the No. 1 state for automated voter registration and showed significantly higher percentages of accepted absentee and provisional ballots compared to previous elections—delivering a blow to claims of voter suppression and inadequate ballot access. "Liberal activists have been desperately trying to advance a false narrative of pervasive voter suppression which, as the EAVS report confirms, has no basis in reality," Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said. "While

these activists peddle falsehoods—apparently as a springboard for higher office or to dupe donors into supporting their nonprofit—my office will continue to aggressively pursue initiatives like automated voter registration, which make Georgia a top state in the nation for voter registration and voter turnout."

<http://bit.ly/2O6ePU4>

## Hawaii: State to Vote by Mail Beginning in 2020

The State of Hawaii passed Act 136, SLH 2019, implementing elections by mail beginning with the 2020 Elections. All properly registered voters will automatically receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days prior to the election.

<https://elections.hawaii.gov/voters/hawaii-votes-by-mail/>

## Iowa: State Will Keep Voter Registration System for 2020 Elections

Iowa's 14-year-old voter registration system will live to see another presidential election. The Iowa Secretary of State's office confirmed Thursday that a long-discussed plan to replace the I-Voters database will not be completed before the 2020 elections. Spokesman Kevin Hall said the office remains in the information-gathering phase of the project, which was formally launched more than a year ago. He said the state plans to solicit information from potential vendors soon and to later move forward with a bidding process.

<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/iowa-will-keep-voter-registration-system-for-2020-14108004.php>

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## New Hampshire: Sununu Vetoes Bill on Access to Voter Database

The ongoing fight over voting rights in New Hampshire has resulted in the veto of a bill regarding the state's centralized voter registration database. Democrats want access to parts of the database to bolster their lawsuit challenging a law that requires additional documentation from voters who register within 30 days of an election. Republicans last year passed a bill forbidding the release of the database under those conditions. Democrats who took control of the Legislature this year followed up with a bill that specifically allows it, but Republican Gov. Chris Sununu vetoed it this week. He says allowing such access will erode trust in the elections system because voters who believe their personal information is at risk of being made public may stop voting altogether.

<http://bit.ly/2JJdqx7>

## New York: Cabán Narrows Katz Lead in Queens District Attorney Race by One Vote to 15 as Recount Continues

Katz's total in the eastern Queens district dipped by one vote after the manual recount from 1,969 to 1,968, according sources. Cabán's total stayed the same at 1,197. It wasn't immediately clear what caused the change. A spokesman for Katz's campaign accused Cabán supporters of "cherry-picking" favorable results to give the "illusion that she is gaining votes. We remain confident that when it is over, Melinda Katz will remain the candidate with the most votes," said Matthew Rey, the Katz spokesman.

<https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/ny-tiffany-caban-melinda-katz-20190718-kxw33johqvbwbkx62e2s3z2ru-story.html>

## New York: State Law on Affidavit Ballots Could Determine the Queens DA Race

Whether Queens Borough President Melinda Katz or public defender Tiffany Cabán emerges victorious from the contested Democratic primary for Queens district attorney will likely depend on

how a few dozen voters filled out affidavit ballots, also known as provisional ballots, two weeks ago. More than 2,500 affidavit ballots were submitted in the Queens district attorney race. Of those, about 500 were found to be valid. A manual recount of the roughly 90,000 votes cast, scheduled to begin later this week, may alter the final result of the race. A state Supreme Court judge in Queens on Tuesday is scheduled to consider the fate of 114 provisional ballots that the city Board of Elections deemed invalid following the June 25 election because a voter had not indicated a party affiliation. The judge, however, will not rule on the case until after a recount is completed.

<https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/politics/campaigns-elections/how-state-law-will-on-affidavit-ballots-could-determine-queens-da>

## North Carolina: If We Don't Go After Voter Fraud, NC Elections Are Open for Anyone to Steal

Nobody knows how many are voting illegally, but in 2014, our organization documented 739,041 "missing" NC voters, who no longer live at their registration address. As of last week, the figure is at 961,739, with 44,557 registered in Cumberland County. Any such registrations can be used to harvest illegal votes. How many local elections could be swayed by a thousand harvested votes? Prevention is the key, but without a real voter ID law, our best option was to cut off their fuel supply. Thanks to an investigation into the 2018 race for District 9, we know of alleged ballot-harvesting operations led by one Republican, McCrae Dowless, and by a Democrat group called the Bladen County Improvement Association. The hearings also exposed a plausible motive behind the heavily funded NAACP "lawfare" to restore missing voters and to derail our voter ID law. Without a serious effort to catch and prosecute people voting illegally, North Carolina's 2020 election is open for anyone to steal.

<https://www.fayobserver.com/news/20190706/jay-delancy-if-we-dont-go-after-voter-fraud-nc-elections-are-open-for-anyone-to-steal>

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## Texas: Edinburg Mayor Faces 11 Counts of Illegal Voting

Edinburg Mayor, Richard Molina is facing charges on 11 counts of illegal voting and one count of engaging in organized election fraud, all felonies. Mayor Molina, his wife Dalia, and his business partner, Julio Ceasar Carranza, were arraigned before a district court judge Friday morning. Dalia and Ceasar are both facing charges of one count of engaging in organized election and two counts of illegal voting. All three pleaded not guilty. This comes after Mayor Molina was accused of changing voters addresses who did not live in Edinburg and allegedly bribing people for their vote in the 2017 municipal election. Since the investigation began, 20 individuals have been arrested for voter fraud.

<https://www.kveo.com/news/edinburg-mayor-faces-11-counts-of-illegal-voting/>

## Texas: State Does Not Verify Citizenship of Voter Registration Applicants

Texas' voter registration process relies upon an honor system. The state does not require voter registration applicants to provide proof of citizenship, nor do state officials independently verify their citizenship status. The exact number of noncitizens on the voter rolls and illegally voting remains unclear, as state officials have been reluctant to resolve the problem. A WFAA investigation concluded "hundreds, if not thousands of non-U.S. citizens, are registered to vote in Texas, and some have cast ballots in elections." The news report found noncitizens will declare themselves as such to avoid jury duty. Once they self-identify as a noncitizen, they can easily be removed from the voter rolls. Many of these individuals were found to have voted.

<https://texasscorecard.com/state/texas-does-not-verify-citizenship-of-voter-registration-applicants/>

## Washington: 'Not Ready for Prime Time.' Election Officials Sound Alarm Over New Voter Registration System

County election officials in Washington are warning that a new statewide voter registration database system is not ready for the state's August 6 primary and could result in some voters getting incorrect ballots or no ballot at all. A panel of county auditors and election chiefs told members of the committee that the new VoteWA system is "not ready for prime time" and that they are proceeding with the primary election "on a hope and a prayer." Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman, a Republican, acknowledged that she decided to "go live" with phase one of the system over the objections of some county auditors, but defended that decision as necessary because of the age and security vulnerabilities of the old system. In a later interview, Wyman said her other reason for pressing ahead with the launch of VoteWA for the August primary is that she didn't want the first test of the new system to be during the 2019 general election or during next year's presidential primary.

<https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/post/not-ready-prime-time-wa-election-officials-sound-alarm-over-new-voter-registration-system>

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## West Virginia: Election Officials Prepare for Rush of DMV Voter Registrations

All West Virginians soon will be automatically registered to vote when they renew their driver's licenses, and it will be the charge of county election clerks to manage the resulting onslaught of registration information coming from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Some drivers won't want to be registered, while many others already are active voters. The clerks will need to sort it all out, and determine address changes, political party affiliations and the answers to other questions as they arise. The West Virginia Legislature has set a deadline of July 1, 2021 for the new system to be in place, and last week lawmakers also granted the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office authority to spend \$1.5 million for technology to assist the state's 55 county clerks with the change. Local election officials aren't sure what effect automatic voter registration will have on their counties, but they do know it will mean more work for them. "I hate it," Marshall County elections clerk Connie Howard said of the proposed new system. "The list I get (from the DMV) is going to be tremendous, and there might not be any changes (if those on the list are already registered). It also takes away the voter's right to not renew their voting registration if they don't wish to.

<http://www.theintelligencer.net/news/top-headlines/2019/06/election-officials-prepare-for-rush-of-dmv-voter-registrations/>

## REDISTRICTING

### California: Will GOP Be Fooled Again by California Redistricting Commission?

There's a long list of reasons why California Republicans were decimated in the 2018 midterm elections. The most overlooked: Democrats got a nine-year head start. In December 2009, the California State Auditor formally opened the application process for members of the public to serve on the state's inaugural independent redistricting commission. That's when shrewd Democrats went to work gaming the redistricting process. Democrat political operatives weren't about to let good government groups spoil their once-in-a-decade fun. Ghost authored by political data consultant Paul Mitchell, the 2011 maps helped gut California's GOP congressional delegation from 19 members in 2011 to just 7 as of today. A 2011 investigation by the left-leaning ProPublica news outlet revealed "how Democrats fooled California's Redistricting Commission." Democrat political operatives artfully manipulated the California Citizens Redistricting Commission into drawing legislative and congressional boundaries that favored Democrats. One Democrat Congresswoman even "used taxpayer-funded staff and resources in her campaign to manipulate California's independent redistricting commission." And most Republicans just sat by and watched. If Republicans are to avoid another redistricting rout, it starts by copying the Democrats' playbook of recruiting conservatives to serve as commissioners. The Citizens Redistricting Commission is accepting applications until August 9.

<https://www.oregister.com/2019/07/13/will-gop-be-fooled-again-by-california-redistricting-commission/>