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# ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

## LEAD STORIES

### Court Decision Imperils the Electoral College

The 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver issued a ruling that may be the beginning of the end for the Electoral College. At issue was faithless electors—presidential electors who refused to cast their vote in the Electoral College for the winner of the state’s popular vote. Colorado state law gave the secretary of state the right to replace the electors. Expect more leftist attacks on the Electoral College. The underlying idea is that a mass defection of electors could provide the impetus for a wave of changes to the Electoral College. The court’s decision gives encouragement to further mischief by electors who might not like the Democrats’ choice next time. There is nothing that would suit the radicals in the Democratic Party more than every election devolving into a chaotic mess where the courts would have the final say.

<https://pjmedia.com/trending/court-decision-imperils-the-electoral-college/>

### Federal Court Undercuts Progressive Efforts to Nullify Electoral College, Rules Electors Can Vote Freely

In a major blow to state-by-state progressive efforts to effectively replace the Electoral College with a nationwide popular vote, a federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday that presidential electors in the Electoral College have the absolute right to vote for presidential candidates of their choice. Democrats have increasingly sought to erase the Electoral College's influence by promoting state laws that would force

electors to vote for the national popular vote leader—and those laws were now in jeopardy as a result of the court’s ruling, legal experts said. The decision, however, also raised the prospect that electors could legally defect at the last minute, and decide the occupant of the White House on their own in dramatic fashion, weeks after Election Day.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/federal-appeals-court-undercuts-progressive-efforts-to-nullify-electoral-college-rules-electors-can-vote-freely>

## NATIONAL

### Daily Signal: 4 Things to Know About Trump’s New Voter Fraud Claim

President Donald Trump and his 2016 Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, began relitigating that contest on Twitter on Monday regarding the role that search results played in the election. “Wow, Report Just Out! Google manipulated from 2.6 million to 16 million votes for Hillary Clinton in 2016 Election!” Trump tweeted. “This was put out by a Clinton supporter, not a Trump Supporter! Google should be sued. My victory was even bigger than thought!” Trump didn’t specify, but appeared to be referencing a report from the American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology that detailed Google search results from 2016 that were favorable to Clinton. Here are four things to understand about Trump’s most recent claim and Clinton’s response to the 2016 election and Google.

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/08/20/4-things-to-know-about-trumps-new-voter-fraud-claim/>

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## Liberty Headlines: Nearly 60% of States Have Counties with More Voters than Residents

Nearly 60 percent of U.S. states have counties with more registered voters than adult residents, and the Public Interest Legal Foundation is going to court to clean up the mess in preparation for the 2020 presidential election. The foundation said there are 244 counties in 28 states that exceed 100 percent voter registration. Another 279 counties in 31 states have registration rates of 95 to 99 percent, which the foundation said are implausibly high. The foundation conducted public-records research and voter-roll audits prior to launching litigation activities. Those include sweeping voter-registration records request letters, and comprehensive voter-list audits.

<https://www.libertyheadlines.com/states-more-voters-than-residents/>

## Heritage Foundation: Ranked Choice Voting Is a Bad Choice

You will not believe what “reformers” have devised to tinker with and manipulate our elections. It is called ranked choice voting (or “instant runoff voting”)—but it is really a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win elections. In the end, it is all about political power, not about what is best for the American people and for preserving our great republic. So-called reformers want to change process rules so they can manipulate election outcomes to obtain power.

<https://herit.ag/2ZwoBDq>

## The Hill: Stacey Abrams Benefits from a ‘Voter Suppression’ Tale

Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams lost her 2018 gubernatorial bid to Republican Brian Kemp by nearly 55,000 votes, but she still refuses to concede. Instead, she claims the election was stolen from her. She has uncritically peddled that falsehood in countless interviews on national television and has capitalized off of it, by starting the group Fair Fight. Fair Fight just launched a multimillion-dollar “voter protection” initiative for the 2020 election in 20 competitive states. As the face of the group, Abrams stands to

benefit politically from the increased national presence. This begs the question: Is Fair Fight about fighting voter suppression or raising Abrams’ profile? <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/458562-stacey-abrams-benefits-from-a-voter-suppression-tale>

## STATES

### Arizona: Tucson Man Charged with Voter Fraud

A Tucson man has been charged with two counts of illegal voting and one count of perjury. The Arizona Attorney General’s office charged Randy Allen Jumper for allegedly voting twice in the 2016 election. He voted in Pima County and in Nevada, according to the charges. Jumper was charged with perjury because he reportedly signed a statement in Pima County saying he would not vote in any other county or state. Each voting fraud count is a felony, as is the perjury charge.

<https://news.azpm.org/p/news-articles/2019/8/22/157053-tucson-man-charged-with-voter-fraud/>

### Colorado: Another City Joins Opposition to Colorado National Popular Vote Law

Woodland Park has joined two other Colorado Springs-area communities in opposing a controversial new state law that would award Colorado’s nine Electoral College votes to the presidential candidate who wins the popular vote nationwide. The Woodland Park City Council voted 5-0 on Aug. 15 to take a formal stance against the law, which will only take effect if enough other states join the compact.

[https://www.coloradopolitics.com/news/premium/another-colorado-city-joins-opposition-to-colorado-national-popular-vote/article\\_e883d46c-c475-11e9-92e2-2b981fbacc60.html](https://www.coloradopolitics.com/news/premium/another-colorado-city-joins-opposition-to-colorado-national-popular-vote/article_e883d46c-c475-11e9-92e2-2b981fbacc60.html)

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## Florida: State to Share Voter Registration Data with Other States

Gov. Ron DeSantis has agreed to allow Florida to join a national electronic center to exchange voter registration data with other states, an effort long-sought by county supervisors of elections. DeSantis said Wednesday Florida will become the 29th state to participate in the Electronic Voter Registration Information Center, known as “ERIC,” a consortium of states known to share voter registration information. State lawmakers last year passed a measure allowing Florida to join ERIC, which aims to reduce duplicate voter registrations. Data matches by the center can identify voters registered in two states, those who have moved between states, and those who have died, which allows county elections officials to identify and remove people who are no longer eligible to vote in the state.

<https://bit.ly/30CUfwi>

## Iowa: Joni Ernst: No, Ocasio-Cortez, Eliminating Electoral College Would Silence Iowans’ Voices

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) said that eliminating the Electoral College would “silence” Iowans’ voices and those in many other states across America. Sen. Ernst lambasted Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s claim that the Electoral College serves as nothing more than a “scam” and said it has a “racial injustice breakdown.”

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

## North Carolina: House Backs Bill to Scrub Voter Rolls Based on Jury Duty Excusals

Local election boards would compare jury duty excusals to North Carolina’s voting rolls and look for non-citizens to remove under legislation that got tentative approval in the House on Wednesday. Senate Bill 250 wouldn’t require election officials to remove people in bulk, only to take lists of people disqualified from jury duty because they’re not a U.S. citizen and use that “to conduct efforts to remove names.” This would become part of routine voter registration maintenance, and the bill tells local boards to use jury excusals “in conducting systematic efforts to

remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters.”

<https://bit.ly/2L02Qni>

## North Dakota: Official Says Tribes Can’t Bring Claims Over Voter ID Law

North Dakota’s secretary of state has pressed a federal judge to toss a suit by two tribes and several individuals challenging a state law that requires proof of a residential address to vote, saying the tribes don’t have standing to sue for their members or as an organization. North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger said in a filing Wednesday that the tribes’ standing must be assessed because the “broad relief” they seek “relating to voters residing in any county that contains an Indian reservation” exceeds what the individual plaintiffs are asking for. And the tribes lack standing to claim that their “organizational resources” have been diverted by the law, as there is “no Eighth Circuit case law finding that sovereign tribes may establish standing in the same manner as private organizations,” Jaeger said.

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

## REDISTRICTING

### Michigan: Republican Party Sues to Stop Independent Redistricting Commission

The Michigan Republican Party is suing to block the formation of a voter-approved independent redistricting commission that would draw new state legislative and congressional district boundaries for 2022 and beyond. A complaint filed Thursday in Grand Rapids federal court argues the commissioner selection process violates the GOP’s freedom of association rights by precluding parties from picking their own representatives to serve on the panel. State Party Chair Laura Cox called the amendment to the state constitution “an assault on the associational right of political parties” and suggested it could allow fake Republicans to fill the party’s four reserved slots on the commission.

<https://bit.ly/2zhsg9y>