

Illinois Loses Voter Lawsuit



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The list of voter concerns for the November election have been listed in several national polls. In alphabetical order, because each list is different, they are: 1. crime, 2. immigration, 3. fair elections, 4. foreign wars, 5. inflation, and 6. taxes. As average Americans, our community would probably fit in this assessment and everyone's list might be a little different. Using this list that seems to be the least mentioned in the press is fair elections. Yet it is mentioned in several lawsuits filed by large organizations. The suit alleges that there has been little effort by the Illinois Board of Elections to follow the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Lawsuits have already been filed and settled in New York, California, Pennsylvania, Colorado, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Ohio that have eliminated about 4 million ineligible voters from the rolls in those states. From what I read this includes people who have died, moved to different jurisdictions, and those that are registered in multiple locations. In Illinois there are 108 jurisdictions with no report from 34.

You might think what difference does it make as long as no one cheats. But this is the number members in Congress depend upon. They take the total number and divide it to determine each state's representation in the House of Representatives. Some say well that's good for Illinois. But the number of House members is constant. Therefore, if you get extra representation you are cheating some other state. This number can be quite large. The lawsuit claims that they may be depriving 5.8 million of the 8.8 million requested in Illinois. These voter totals are run by public officials. They also have lost a suit of a ruling by the Southern District of the Illinois Supreme Court who had agreed to a court ruling but has been declared that it gives preferential treatment for newer female or minority attorneys. It was declared as an advantage giving oral arguments. These stats were in Verdict a magazine from Judicial Watch.

I believe these to be significant statistics that our voters deserve to know. It is important to note while the three judges rescinded the court order, the judges themselves were not charged with discrimination. If you would like to read the court rulings, they are easily available on the internet, but note some of it is in legal terms.