

# VOTING ISSUES THAT SHOULD CONCERN AMERICANS

## DECEASED VOTERS ON STATE VOTER ROLLS

### ***At Least 1.8 Million Deceased Registered Voters Are On State Voter Rolls***

#### **A 2012 Report By Pew Center On The States Found There Were At Least 1.8 Million Deceased People On Voter Rolls**

**In 2012, The Pew Center On The States Issued A Report That There Was 1.8 Million Dead People Listed As Active Registered Voters.** “The nation’s voter registration rolls are in disarray, according to a report released Tuesday by the Pew Center on the States. The problems have the potential to affect the outcomes of local, state and federal elections. ... The report found that there are about 1.8 million dead people listed as active voters. Some 2.8 million people have active registrations in more than one state. And 12 million registrations have errors serious enough to make it unlikely that mailings based on them will reach voters.” (Adam Liptak, “Voter Rolls Are Rife With Inaccuracies, Report Finds,” [The New York Times](#), 2/14/12)

### ***Michigan***

#### **In 2022, A Biden-Nominated Judge Allowed A Lawsuit Against Michigan Challenging 26,000 Dead People On State’s Voter Rolls To Proceed**

**In August 2022, A Federal Judge Rejected The Michigan Secretary Of State’s Pleadings To Dismiss Public Interest Legal Foundation’s Case Challenging The State’s Maintenance Of Voter Rolls.** “A federal judge has rejected Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson’s effort to dismiss a case challenging Michigan’s maintenance of its voter rolls when it comes to removing dead people. U.S. District Court Judge Jane Beckering ruled last week against Benson’s motion to dismiss the case based largely on procedural bars she felt the plaintiff, Public Interest Legal Foundation, had met while filing the suit.” (Beth LeBlanc, “Federal Judge Allows Lawsuit Over Dead People On Michigan Voter Rolls To Move Forward,” [The Detroit News](#), 8/30/22)

**The Judge, Nominated By President Biden, Had Yet To Rule On The Merits Of Public Interest Legal Foundation’s Case Alleging 26,000 Dead Voters Were On Michigan’s Voter Rolls.** “The judge has not yet ruled on the merit of claims, which allege Michigan at one point had nearly 26,000 dead voters still on its rolls. Beckering was nominated to the federal bench in Michigan’s Western District by Democratic President Joe Biden.” (Beth LeBlanc, “Federal Judge Allows Lawsuit Over Dead People On Michigan Voter Rolls To Move Forward,” [The Detroit News](#), 8/30/22)

### ***Pennsylvania***

#### **In 2021, The Pennsylvania Department Of State Settled With A Group That Challenged More Than 21,000 Deceased Voters Were On The State’s Voter Rolls**

**In April 2021, The Pennsylvania Department Of State Reached A Settlement To Begin Removing Dead Voters From The State’s Voter Rolls.** “The Pennsylvania Department of State has agreed to take steps to remove dead voters from voting rolls in a settlement reached with an election-integrity group that alleged more than 20,000 deceased voters were on the state’s rolls. The state agreed to compare its voter-registration database with the nonprofit Electronic Registration Information Center, which includes data from the Social Security Death Index, and to direct all county election commissioners to remove the names of dead voters.” (Alex Swoyer, “Pennsylvania Agrees To Remove Dead Voters From Voter Rolls,” [The Washington Times](#), 4/7/21)

**The Suit Was Brought Forth By Public Interest Legal Foundation, A Non-Profit That Alleged More Than 21,000 Dead Voters Were Still On The State's Rolls.** “‘This marks an important victory for the integrity of elections in Pennsylvania,’ said J. Christian Adams, president of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, which sued the state in October. ‘The Commonwealth’s failure to remove deceased registrants created a vast opportunity for voter fraud and abuse. It is important to not have dead voters active on the rolls for 5, 10, or even 20 years. This settlement fixes that.’ PILF sued after discovering more than 21,000 dead registered voters were still on the rolls less than a month ahead of the November election.” (Alex Swoyer, “Pennsylvania Agrees To Remove Dead Voters From Voter Rolls,” [The Washington Times](#), 4/7/21)

## ***Instances Of People Fraudulently Submitting Deceased Voter Ballots***

### **In The Last Several Years, There Have Been Numerous Instances Of People Submitting Voter Ballots For Deceased Registered Voters**

**In Wisconsin, A Woman Was Sentenced To 90 Nights In Jail For Submitting Her Dead Partner’s Ballot In The 2020 Election.** “A Cedarburg woman who submitted her dead partner’s ballot in the 2020 election has been sentenced to 90 nights in jail. Christine Daikawa, 50, entered no contest pleas to charges of making a false statement to obtain or vote an absentee ballot, a misdemeanor, and election fraud by impersonating an elector, a felony.” (Bruce Vielmetti, “A Cedarburg Woman Has Been Sentenced To 90 Days In Jail For 2020 Voter Fraud,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 9/26/22)

- **The Judge Had Sentenced Her To 30 Days For A Misdemeanor Charge And 60 Days For The Felony Charge Of Impersonating A Voter.** “At a hearing in Ozaukee County Circuit Court earlier this month, Judge Steven M. Cain sentenced Daikawa to 30 days in jail on the misdemeanor and 60 days on the felony, to be served consecutively. She was granted Huber privileges to leave the jail during the day for activities unspecified in court records.” (Bruce Vielmetti, “A Cedarburg Woman Has Been Sentenced To 90 Days In Jail For 2020 Voter Fraud,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 9/26/22)

**In Pennsylvania, A Woman Was Sentenced To 23 Months In The County Jail For Mail-In Ballot Fraud And Two Unrelated Theft Cases.** “A Quakertown woman will spend the next few months in county jail for committing voter fraud by signing her dead mother’s name on a mail-in ballot during the 2020 election. On Monday, Melissa Ann Fisher, 53, was sentenced to three to 23 months in Bucks County Correctional Facility, as well as three years of probation, for mail-in ballot fraud, as well as two unrelated theft cases. All charges are misdemeanors.” (Christopher Dornblaser, “Quakertown Woman Gets County Jail Sentence For Mail-In Ballot Fraud,” [Bucks County Courier Times](#), 7/18/22)

- **The Woman Was Charged After She Signed Her Dead Mother’s Mail-In Ballot.** “Fisher was charged in April last year after investigators had determined she signed for her mother’s mail-in ballot on Oct. 7, 2020. Her mother died on Sept. 21, 2020, according to the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office.” (Christopher Dornblaser, “Quakertown Woman Gets County Jail Sentence For Mail-In Ballot Fraud,” [Bucks County Courier Times](#), 7/18/22)

**In Pennsylvania, A Man Was Sentenced To Five Years Of Probation For Casting A Ballot For His “Long-Dead Mother.”** “A Pennsylvania man who illegally voted for Donald Trump on behalf of his long-dead mother in last year’s presidential election was sentenced Friday to five years of probation. Bruce Bartman, 70, of Marple, pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of perjury and one count of unlawful voting. Besides his probation term, he will not be allowed to vote in an election for four years and is no longer eligible to serve on a jury.” (“Man Admits To Voter Fraud In Casting Dead Mother’s Ballot,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/30/21)

- **The Man’s Mother Had Been Deceased For More Than A Decade.** “Prosecutors have said Bartman used the driver’s license number for his mother, who died more than a decade ago, to register her to vote, obtain a mail-in ballot, return that ballot and fraudulently vote in her name.” (“Man Admits To Voter Fraud In Casting Dead Mother’s Ballot,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/30/21)

**In Colorado, A Man Who Had Been Charged For The Presumed Death Of His Missing Wife, Pled Guilty To Forgery When He Cast A 2020 Election Ballot In Her Name.** “A Colorado man who had been charged in the

presumed death of his missing wife has pleaded guilty to forgery for casting her 2020 election ballot for then-President Donald Trump. Barry Morphew pleaded guilty Thursday and was fined and assessed court costs of \$600, The Denver Post reported. He avoids jail time as part of a plea agreement.” (“Colorado Man Pleads Guilty To Casting Missing Wife’s Ballot,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/22/22)

**In Arizona, A Woman Was Charged With Illegal Voting After She Cast Her Dead Mother’s Mail Ballot.** “A Scottsdale woman who was charged with illegal voting for casting her dead mother’s mail ballot in the November 2020 election is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty. Tracey Kay McKee entered the plea to a reduced felony charge of attempted illegal voting in Maricopa County Superior Court on Wednesday.” (“Scottsdale Woman Pleads Guilty To Voting Dead Mom’s Ballot,” [The Associated Press](#), 2/1/22)

- **After Accepting A Plea Agreement, The Woman Was Sentenced To Probation, 100 Hours Of Community Service And A Fine Of \$1,800.** “Under a plea agreement, the Arizona Attorney General’s office dropped an additional perjury charge and stipulated that the 64-year-old McKee will be sentenced to probation with the possibility of up to 90 days in jail. She’ll also be required to pay about \$1,800 in fines and fees and must perform 100 hours of community service. McKee will be sentenced in March. McKee will also lose her right to vote until she completes probation and a court restores her rights.” (“Scottsdale Woman Pleads Guilty To Voting Dead Mom’s Ballot,” [The Associated Press](#), 2/1/22)

## UNCOUNTED AND MISHANDLED BALLOTS

### 2022 – Harris County, Texas

#### 10,000 Uncounted Primary Election Ballots One Week After Election Day, Causing A Delay In Results

**In March 2022, Officials In Harris County Texas “Found About 10,000 Ballots That Were Not Counted” In The Prior Week’s Primary Election, Causing A Delay In Results.** “Officials in Harris County, Texas said they found about 10,000 ballots that were not counted in last week’s primary election, leading to a delay in some results.” (Olafimihan Oshin, “Texas County Finds 10,000 Uncounted Ballots From Last Week’s Primary,” [The Hill](#), 3/7/22)

- **The Uncounted Ballots Included 6,000 Democratic Votes And 4,000 Republican Votes, That Will Be Added To The Final Tallies.** “Election officials in Harris County, home to Houston, said late Saturday that an “oversight” led to 10,000 ballots not being counted. Those votes — 6,000 Democratic and 4,000 Republican — will be added to the final tallies Tuesday.” (“Texas County Finds 10K Uncounted Ballots From Primary Day,” [ABC News](#), 3/7/22)

**The Ballots “Were Tabulated But Not Counted.”** “About 10,000 mail ballots were tabulated but not counted in Texas’ most populous county on the day of last week’s election, officials said, adding to the delay in determining some winners in the nation’s first primary of the 2022 midterms.” (“Texas County Finds 10K Uncounted Ballots From Primary Day,” [ABC News](#), 3/7/22)

#### Harris County Election Administrator Isabel Longoria Stated The Incident Was An Oversight And Later Resigned From Her Position

**In A Statement, The Harris County Elections Office Stated That “The Votes Were Scanned Into Our Tabulation Computer, [But] They Were Not Transferred And Counted As A Part Of The Unofficial Final Results.”** “While the votes were scanned into our tabulation computer, they were not transferred and counted as a part of the unofficial final results as they should have been,’ the Harris County Elections Office said in a statement, according to the AP.” (Olafimihan Oshin, “Texas County Finds 10,000 Uncounted Ballots From Last Week’s Primary,” [The Hill](#), 3/7/22)

- **Harris County Election Administrator Isabel Longoria Stated That The Uncounted Ballots Was An “Oversight.”** “Harris County Election Administrator Isabel Longoria’s office on Saturday announced that they have identified approximately 10,000 mail-in ballots that were not added to the unofficial Election Night count...’The oversight occurred between the hours of 1 and 4 a.m. as the political parties that make up the

Central Count Committee were reviewing ballots,' Longoria's office said in a press release." (Sammy Turner, "Harris Co. Election Office Says 'Oversight' Led To About 10K Mail In Ballots Not Being In Unofficial Count," [KHOU 11](#), 3/5/22)

**Shortly After, Longoria Resigned From Her Position As Election Administrator.** "County Elections Administrator Isabel Longoria resigned Wednesday, two days after she was sued by the Harris County Republican Party (HCRP) over her mismanagement of the primary election. They sued after it took one week for Longoria to announce that county officials hadn't counted at least 10,000 ballots." (Bethan Blankley, "Harris County Elections Administrator Resigns After Thousands Of Primary Ballots Found Uncounted," [The Center Square Texas](#), 3/9/22)

### **The Uncounted Ballots Were Set To Be Added To The Final Count**

**The Uncounted Ballots Were "Set To Be Added To The Final Count When The Central Count Committee Next Meets."** "They said the votes were scanned into the tabulation machines but not transferred, which meant they were not being counted in the unofficial count on Election Night. The votes are set to be added to the final count when the Central Count Committee next meets on Tuesday, according to the elections administrator's office." (Sammy Turner, "Harris Co. Election Office Says 'Oversight' Led To About 10K Mail In Ballots Not Being In Unofficial Count," [KHOU 11](#), 3/5/22)

## **2022 – Wayne County, Michigan**

### **Three Dozen Ballots That "Went Missing" Were Discovered In A Locked Room After Election Night**

**In An August 2022 Mayoral Primary, "Three Dozen Ballots" Were Discovered After The Number Of Absentee Ballots Recorded Did Not Match The Number Of Ballots Recorded On Election Night.** "Before the members of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers unanimously certified the results of the recent August primary late Tuesday, a debate over whether to tabulate a batch of uncounted ballots from Ecorse injected some last-minute drama. Jennifer Redmond, Wayne County's deputy director of elections, told the canvassers that the three dozen ballots from the small Downriver city surfaced after it was discovered that the number of absentee ballots recorded as cast in the poll books didn't match the number of ballots counted on election night." (Clara Hendrickson, "Uncounted Primary Ballots Found In Back Room Of Ecorse Clerk's Office After Election," [Detroit Free Press](#), 8/17/22)

**The Uncounted Ballots Were Found "In A Supply Bag That Had Been Sitting In A Locked Back Room In The Clerk's Office, According To Nicole Merchant, The Interim City Clerk.** "Nicole Merchant, Ecorse's interim city clerk, told the canvassers that the ballots were in a supply bag that had been sitting in a locked back room in the clerk's office since election night." (Clara Hendrickson, "Uncounted Primary Ballots Found In Back Room Of Ecorse Clerk's Office After Election," [Detroit Free Press](#), 8/17/22)

- **Merchant: "Somehow They Got Misplaced."** "Somehow they got misplaced,' she said. She said that election workers' routine in the clerk's office was disrupted due to an out-of-service elevator that forced them to place ballots in a different place in the building." (Clara Hendrickson, "Uncounted Primary Ballots Found In Back Room Of Ecorse Clerk's Office After Election," [Detroit Free Press](#), 8/17/22)

### **Among The Discovered Ballots Was One For The 2020 Election**

**An Uncounted Ballot From 2020 Was Also Discovered.** "The clerk's staff and canvassers reviewed the signatures on the absentee ballot applications to confirm they matched those on the ballot return envelopes. They confirmed that the correct stub numbers were affixed to the top of the ballots and ran them through the machine. They found one uncounted ballot from 2020, prompting laughter among the canvassers during an otherwise weighty affair." (Clara Hendrickson, "Uncounted Primary Ballots Found In Back Room Of Ecorse Clerk's Office After Election," [Detroit Free Press](#), 8/17/22)

**Staff From The Wayne County Clerk's Office "Advised The Canvassers To Tabulate The 36 Outstanding Ballots."** "Staff from the Wayne County Clerk's Office advised the canvassers to tabulate the 36 outstanding ballots. Merchant said that the ballots were stamped with the date and time they were received, which was before the 8 p.m. Election Day deadline." (Clara Hendrickson, "Uncounted Primary Ballots Found In Back Room Of Ecorse Clerk's Office After Election," [Detroit Free Press](#), 8/17/22)

- **The Uncounted Ballots Did Not Change The Outcome Of The Mayoral Election.** “The official certified results didn’t change the outcome. They showed that Tidwell received 580 votes, Miller received 259 and Sherard won 229.” (Clara Hendrickson, “Uncounted Primary Ballots Found In Back Room Of Ecorse Clerk’s Office After Election,” [Detroit Free Press](#), 8/17/22)

## **2022 – Montgomery County, Maryland**

### **The Discovery Of 102 Uncounted Provisional Ballots Caused A Delay In Election Results**

**In The August 2022 Democratic Primary Race For County Executive, Montgomery County Election Officials Said “102 Additional Provisional Ballots Were Discovered” Causing A Delay In The Results.** “Montgomery County election officials say 102 additional provisional ballots were discovered and will need to be counted delaying the certification in the Democratic primary race for county executive.” (“102 Additional Uncounted Ballots Discovered In Montgomery County Primary Race,” [Fox 5 Washington DC](#), 8/12/22)

**Montgomery County Acting Election Director, Alysoun McLaughlin Announced That The Additional Ballots Were Discovered “During A Precertification Audit.”** “Montgomery County’s Acting Election Director, Alysoun McLaughlin, said the discovery was made during a precertification audit Thursday. ‘Today, we pulled our random sample of empty provisional ballot envelopes for audit and were unable to locate one of the randomly selected envelopes where it should have been,’ McLaughlin said in a statement released Thursday night. ‘In addition, we were unable to resolve a discrepancy between the number of provisional ballots that our staff had recommended that the Board accept, and the number of ballots scanned.’” (“102 Additional Uncounted Ballots Discovered In Montgomery County Primary Race,” [Fox 5 Washington DC](#), 8/12/22)

## **2020 – Fayette County, Georgia**

### **2,755 Ballots That Were Not Uploaded To The Initial Count Were Discovered During A Hand Recount**

**During A Hand Recount For The 2020 Presidential Election, Fayette County, Georgia “Uncovered 2,755 Votes That Were Not Included In The Initial Count.”** “During the hand recount Tuesday, Fayette County uncovered 2,755 votes that were not included in the initial count. Secretary of State official Gabriel Sterling said those ballots were scanned onto a card, but those votes were never uploaded into the initial count. He says there were several backups designed to catch this issue and that it falls to workers who didn’t follow procedure.” (“Another Georgia County Has Uncovered 2,700 Missing Votes, Secretary Of State’s Office Says,” [WSB-TV2](#), 8/17/22)

- **“Of The Votes That Are Now Being Added To The Total, 1,577 Were For President Donald Trump, 1,128 For Joe Biden And The Rest Were For Jo Jorgenson Or Write-Ins.”** “Of the votes that are now being added to the total, 1,577 were for President Donald Trump, 1,128 for Joe Biden and the rest were for Jo Jorgenson or write-ins. That changes the margin in the state by under 500 votes. with Biden now leading Trump by 12,929 votes.” (“Another Georgia County Has Uncovered 2,700 Missing Votes, Secretary Of State’s Office Says,” [WSB-TV2](#), 8/17/22)

## **2020 – Floyd County, Georgia**

### **2,600 Ballots That Went Uncounted Due To Human Error Were Found After The Initial Vote Count**

**In November 2020, Floyd County, Georgia “Uncovered 2,600 Votes That Were Missed During The Initial Count On Election Night” Due To “Human Error.”** “Fayette is the second county to report an issue with missing votes. On Monday, Floyd County uncovered 2,600 votes that were missed during the initial count on election night. The Secretary of State’s office said it was human error and called for the elections director in the county to step down. An investigation has been opened in the county.” (“Another Georgia County Has Uncovered 2,700 Missing Votes, Secretary Of State’s Office Says,” [WSB-TV2](#), 8/17/22)

## 2019 – Mesa County, Colorado

### More Than 500 Uncounted Ballots For The 2019 Election Were Found While Collecting Ballots For The 2020 Elections

**In February 2020, The Mesa County Clerk And Recorder's Office "Found More Than 500 Ballots For The 2019 Election" That Were Not Counted.** "The Mesa County Clerk and Recorder's office found more than 500 ballots for the 2019 election earlier this week in a drop box outside the election office, meaning those ballots were not counted as part of the election results." (Joe Vaccarelli, "Mesa County Clerk Finds More Than 500 Ballots Uncounted From 2019 Election," [The Daily Sentinel](#), 2/21/20)

**"The Ballots Were Discovered When Picking Up The First Ballots Returned For The 2020 Presidential Primary Election."** "Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters announced the finding in a letter to news outlets sent by County Attorney Patrick Coleman on Thursday afternoon. The letter stated that the ballots were discovered when picking up the first ballots returned for the 2020 presidential primary election. Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold's office was contacted immediately and informed of the situation, the letter said." (Joe Vaccarelli, "Mesa County Clerk Finds More Than 500 Ballots Uncounted From 2019 Election," [The Daily Sentinel](#), 2/21/20)

**In A News Release, Mesa County Clerk And Recorder Tina Peters Wrote That The "Ballots Were Not Retrieved Prior To The Dropbox Being Locked" On Election Day.** "Our initial investigation has shown that approximately 500 ballots were not retrieved prior to the dropbox being locked at 7 p.m. on Election Day when polls closed. We are continuing to look into the matter to determine how this error occurred." (Mesa County Clerk And Recorder, Election Error Results In Procedure Changes," [News Release](#), 2/20/20)

## 2016 – Alexander City, Alabama

### 43 Uncounted Absentee Ballots Were Discovered In A Vault One Month After Alexander City Had Its Votes Counted

**One Month After Ballots In Alexander City, Alabama Were Counted, "43 Absentee Ballots Were Discovered In A Vault By The City Clerk."** "It's been one month since voters went to the polls in Alexander City and had their ballots counted; or at least, that's what they thought. Just a few days ago, 43 absentee ballots were discovered in a vault by the city clerk." ("Uncounted Absentee Ballots Found In Alex City," [WSFA12 News](#), 9/28/16)

**After Initially Being Deemed Illegal Ballots, The City Council Examined The Ballots "And Determined 16 Should Have Been Counted."** "They were identified as illegal ballots that could not be counted," said Larkin Radney, the city's attorney. 'And so, the clerk put them in the vault like she should have done. But then last week, it came to her attention that perhaps not all of those ballots were, in fact, illegal. Some should have been a provisional ballot'...The council went through the 43 ballots with their lawyer and determined 16 should have been counted." ("Uncounted Absentee Ballots Found In Alex City," [WSFA12 News](#), 9/28/16)

## DELAYS IN RECEIVING BALLOTS

### Residents Of Southeast Baltimore Received 2020 Election Ballots Nearly 2 Years Later

**In August 2022, Some Southeast Baltimore Residents Received Their Mail In Ballots For The 2020 Election "Nearly Two Years After They Were Supposed To Be Delivered."** "Some Baltimore City voters just received their mail-in ballots from 2020. The Baltimore City Board of Elections is now trying to understand how this happened. Mail-in ballots are supposed to be prioritized, but for a block of homes in Southeast Baltimore theirs came nearly two years after they were supposed to be delivered." (Mallory Sofastaii, "Mail-In Ballots From 2020 Discovered In Baltimore USPS Facility," [WMAR 2 Baltimore](#), 8/23/22)

**Southeast Baltimore Resident Nick Frisone Said That He Received His 2020 General Election Ballot On August 6, 2022.** "I received my 2020 General Election ballot on August 6, 2022," said Nick Frisone, who

contacted WMAR-2 News after receiving his ballot. His neighbors in Highlandtown recently received theirs as well.” (Mallory Sofastaii, “Mail-In Ballots From 2020 Discovered In Baltimore USPS Facility,” [WMAR 2 Baltimore](#), 8/23/22)

**After Not Receiving His Ballot On The Expected Delivery Date, Frisone Contacted The Board Of Elections And Had To Retrieve A Replacement In Person.** “Frisone knew his ballot had gone missing. On September 29, 2020 an Informed Delivery email notified him that his ballot would be delivered that day. ‘And then it just never came, so then I had to call the Board of Elections and then I had to go in-person to get a replacement,’ said Frisone. (Mallory Sofastaii, “Mail-In Ballots From 2020 Discovered In Baltimore USPS Facility,” [WMAR 2 Baltimore](#), 8/23/22)

## VOTER FRAUD

### *Noncitizens Voting*

*In North Carolina And Pennsylvania, Hundreds Of Noncitizens Have Voted In Federal Elections*

**In 2018, Government Officials Charged 19 Foreign Nationals In North Carolina Of Illegally Voting In The 2016 Election**

**In 2018, The Justice Department Charged 19 Foreign Nationals In North Carolina Of Illegally Voting In The 2016 Election.** “Nineteen foreign nationals ranging from age 26 to 71 have been charged with illegally voting in the November 2016 election in North Carolina, the Justice Department said Friday. Nine of the 19 were also charged with falsely claiming American citizenship to get on voter rolls.” (Michael Wines, “19 Noncitizens Voted Illegally In 2016 In North Carolina, U.S. Charges,” [The New York Times](#), 8/24/18)

- **“A 20th Man, Whose Nationality Was Not Identified, Was Charged With Helping One Of The Foreigners Falsely Claim Citizenship.”** (Michael Wines, “19 Noncitizens Voted Illegally In 2016 In North Carolina, U.S. Charges,” [The New York Times](#), 8/24/18)

**The Noncitizens Charged Were From 14 Nations, Including Japan, Germany, Mexico, Korea And The Dominican Republic.** “The charges, listed in grand jury indictments issued last month, target citizens of 14 nations, including Japan, Germany, Mexico and Korea. At least nine of them lived in the United States as legal permanent residents. One other, 58-year-old Ramon Esteban Paez-Jerez of the Dominican Republic, had been deported in the 1980s, but returned under a false identity and gained citizenship in 1999.” (Michael Wines, “19 Noncitizens Voted Illegally In 2016 In North Carolina, U.S. Charges,” [The New York Times](#), 8/24/18)

**According To The Justice Department, The Voting Violations Had Been Uncovered By A Federal Task Force Led By DHS’s Immigration And Customs Enforcement Division And The State Department’s Diplomatic Security Service.** “The Justice Department said the violations were uncovered by a newly created federal task force on document and benefit fraud in North Carolina’s Eastern Judicial District, led by the Homeland Security Department’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement division and the State Department’s Diplomatic Security Service.” (Michael Wines, “19 Noncitizens Voted Illegally In 2016 In North Carolina, U.S. Charges,” [The New York Times](#), 8/24/18)

**Hundreds Of Noncitizens Illegally Cast Ballots In Pennsylvania After Mistakenly Being Registered To Vote**

**Around 2014, Immigration Attorneys Contacted Pennsylvania Election Officials To Tell Them That Their Clients Received A Voter Registration Card Weeks After Obtaining A Driver’s License.** “About five years ago, immigration attorneys started contacting Pennsylvania election officials to report that many of their clients had gone to get a driver’s license and, a few weeks later, received a voter registration card in the mail. Sundrop Carter, executive director of the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition, says it was especially disturbing for immigrants who were trying to become citizens.” (Pam Fessler, “Some Noncitizens Do Wind Up Registered To Vote, But Usually Not On Purpose,” [NPR](#), 2/26/19)

**Despite Offering Documents Identifying Themselves As Noncitizens, They Were Offered Voter Registration Cards.** “But it turns out that Pennsylvania, like some other states, was asking that question of everyone who

applied for a driver's license or state ID card — even those showing green cards or other documents identifying them as noncitizens. That is often confusing for immigrants who come in to get a driver's license or ID, which noncitizens are eligible to do.” (Pam Fessler, “Some Noncitizens Do Wind Up Registered To Vote, But Usually Not On Purpose,” [NPR](#), 2/26/19)

**For One Immigrant, Who’s Identity Was Protected, He Registered To Vote As He Was Mistakenly Offered A Voter Registration Card. He Was Then Reported As Being Illegally Registered To Vote When He Filed For U.S. Citizenship.** “Immigrants like Asife, who lived in Pennsylvania on a student visa in the early 2000s, were confused by the process of getting a driver's license and accidentally registered to vote. (NPR is not using his full name because what he did was technically illegal, and he's concerned about the repercussions in his community.) ... He didn't understand what the clerk was asking him, especially because Asife came from a country where elections are seldom held. ... He signed the form and forgot about it until he applied for citizenship seven years later and learned he was illegally registered to vote. Asife never actually voted and was able to become a U.S. citizen.” (Pam Fessler, “Some Noncitizens Do Wind Up Registered To Vote, But Usually Not On Purpose,” [NPR](#), 2/26/19)

**According To Pennsylvania Officials, Noncitizens Illegally Cast 544 Votes From 2000 To 2017.** “David Becker, executive director of the Center for Election Innovation & Research, says other states also accidentally register noncitizens. Sometimes it's just a misunderstanding between the motor vehicles department and election officials over whose job it is to verify citizenship. Becker says the number of noncitizens who end up on the rolls is relatively small and the number who actually vote is even smaller. Pennsylvania officials estimated that the noncitizens they identified cast 544 votes from 2000 through 2017, out of 93 million overall votes cast.” (Pam Fessler, “Some Noncitizens Do Wind Up Registered To Vote, But Usually Not On Purpose,” [NPR](#), 2/26/19)

## ***Fraudulently Requesting Or Submitting Absentee Ballots***

### **In 2022, A Wisconsin Man Was Charged For Fraudulently Requesting Absentee Ballots**

**In 2022, Prosecutors Charged A Man In Wisconsin For Election Fraud And Identity Theft After He Fraudulently Requested Absentee Ballots.** “Prosecutors charged a Wisconsin man Thursday with election fraud and identity theft after he acknowledged that he fraudulently requested absentee ballots in what he says was an effort to expose vulnerabilities in the state's election system. The state Department of Justice charged 68-year-old Harry Wait with two misdemeanor counts of election fraud and two felony counts of identity theft. He would face up to 13 years behind bars if convicted on all four counts.” (Todd Richmond, “Wisconsin Man Charged With Fraud, ID Theft In Ballot Case,” *The Associated Press*, 9/1/22)

**The Man Had Ordered Absentee Ballots For Numerous People, Including Elected Officials To Be Delivered To His Home.** “Wait publicly acknowledged in July that he visited the state's MyVote Wisconsin website and ordered absentee ballots in the name of Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Racine Mayor Cory Mason and several other people by entering their personal information. He said he asked that the ballots be delivered to his home.” (Todd Richmond, “Wisconsin Man Charged With Fraud, ID Theft In Ballot Case,” *The Associated Press*, 9/1/22)

### **Two Separate Cases In Michigan Found Caregivers Had Committed Election Fraud By Requesting Absentee Ballots For Incapacitated People In Their Care**

**In December 2021, A Detroit Woman Was Charged With Election Fraud In Connection With Absentee Ballot Applications During The 2020 General Election.** “A Metro Detroit woman will stand trial for election fraud related to the state's 2020 general election, officials said Wednesday. Nancy Juanita Williams, 55, was ordered Tuesday by a judge in the 29th District Court in Wayne to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. In October, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's Office announced Williams was one of three woman it accused of election fraud in connection to absentee ballot applications.” (Charles E. Ramirez, “Metro Detroit Woman To Stand Trial For Fraud In 2020 Election,” [The Detroit News](#), 12/22/21)



- **The Woman Was Charged With Numerous Felonies And Misdemeanors Related To Her Election Fraud.** “In total, she has been charged by the Michigan Attorney General’s Office with several crimes, including 14 counts of forging a signature on an absentee ballot application, a five-year felony, and 14 counts of election law forgery, also a five-year felony. She has also been charged with 14 counts of making a false statement on an absentee ballot application, a 90-day misdemeanor.” (Charles E. Ramirez, “Metro Detroit Woman To Stand Trial For Fraud In 2020 Election,” [The Detroit News](#), 12/22/21)
- **According To Investigators, The Woman Obtained And Controlled The Absentee Ballots Of 26 Legally Incapacitated People Under Her Care And Submitted Them Without Their Knowledge Or Consent.** “Investigators said Williams obtained and controlled absentee ballots for 26 legally incapacitated people under her care by illegally submitting absentee ballot applications to nine city and township clerks and had them mailed directly to her. She also allegedly submitted separate voter registration applications for each person — all without their knowledge or consent.” (Charles E. Ramirez, “Metro Detroit Woman To Stand Trial For Fraud In 2020 Election,” [The Detroit News](#), 12/22/21)

**In February 2022, A Detroit Nursing Home Worker Pleaded Guilty To Forging Residents’ Signatures On Their Absentee Ballots In 2020.** “A Center Line nursing home worker who forged residents’ signatures on absentee ballot applications in 2020 pleaded guilty this week and is to serve the first 45 days of her probation sentence in the Macomb County Jail. Trenae Myesha Rainey, 28, was charged last year with six felonies, but pleaded guilty Wednesday to three misdemeanor counts of making a false statement in an absentee ballot application, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said in a release Thursday.” (Christina Hall, “Nursing Home Worker Who Forged Signatures On Absentee Ballot Application Pleads Guilty,” [Detroit Free Press](#), 2/24/22)

- **The Woman Had Forged The Residents’ Signatures Without Their Knowledge.** “The applications came from an assisted-living facility — Father Murray, a Villa Center. The applications were for residents who had not yet told staff whether they wanted to vote in the general election that year, according to the release. Investigators said Rainey, who worked there, did not contact the residents. She filled out the applications, forged their signatures and gave the applications to another employee, who was instructed to take them to the Center Line clerk.” (Christina Hall, “Nursing Home Worker Who Forged Signatures On Absentee Ballot Application Pleads Guilty,” [Detroit Free Press](#), 2/24/22)
- **The Caregiver Was Sentenced To Two Years Of Probation.** “Rainey was sentenced in 37th District Court to two years of probation, with the first 45 days to be served in jail, according to the release. She was booked into the county lockup Wednesday, according to online jail records.” (Christina Hall, “Nursing Home Worker Who Forged Signatures On Absentee Ballot Application Pleads Guilty,” [Detroit Free Press](#), 2/24/22)

### **In 2019, The Mayor Of A St. Louis Suburb Was Charged With Fraudulently Submitting Absentee Voter Applications**

**In November 2019, A St. Louis Suburbs Mayor Was Charged For Fraudulently Submitting Absentee Voter Applications To Illegally Influence Municipal Elections.** “The 81-year-old mayor of a St. Louis suburb was charged Thursday with submitting fraudulent absentee voter applications in what prosecutors say was an effort to illegally influence the city’s municipal elections. Berkeley Mayor Theodore Hoskins is charged with four counts of committing an election offense and one forgery count. The charges were filed by Jackson County prosecutor Jean Peters Baker, who was assigned to the case as special prosecutor at the request of St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest.” (Jim Salter, “Mayor Of St. Louis Suburb Charged In Election Fraud Case,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/21/19)

**The Fraud Occurred During The Run-Up To The April 2018 Election.** “The alleged crimes occurred in the run-up to the April 2018 municipal election in Berkeley, a city of about 9,000 residents. The mayor’s race was not on the ballot, but four city council positions were. Hoskins’ wife, Lee Etta Hoskins, was re-elected in that election by an 87-39 margin.” (Jim Salter, “Mayor Of St. Louis Suburb Charged In Election Fraud Case,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/21/19)

## **Prosecutors Found That The Mayor Submitted False Voter Applications For At Least Three Elderly Residents.**

“According to prosecutors, Hoskins submitted false absentee voter applications from at least three elderly residents. In one case, he went to the home of a couple in their 80s, who signed absentee voter applications not knowing what they were. The St. Louis County Board of Elections became suspicious and an employee identified the handwriting on the applications as that of Hoskins. Later, Hoskins allegedly had the couple both sign absentee ballots, each ballot picking the same candidates. They later told investigators that they didn't vote in the April 2018 election, according to the charging documents.” (Jim Salter, “Mayor Of St. Louis Suburb Charged In Election Fraud Case,” *The Associated Press*, 11/21/19)

## **Ballot Tampering**

### **In March 2022, Flint County Elections Supervisor Was Charged With Ballot Tampering That Prevented Votes From Being Counted Ahead Of A Recount**

**In Michigan, The Current Flint County Elections Supervisor Clerk Charged With Ballot Tampering In The 2020 Primary.** “A former township clerk and current county elections supervisor in Michigan has been charged with ballot tampering in the August 2020 primary. Kathy Funk also is charged with misconduct in office, the Michigan attorney general's office said late Friday. Both charges are felonies punishable by up to five years in prison upon conviction. Funk faces arraignment in Genesee County's 67th District Court.” (“Elections Official In Michigan Charged With Ballot Tampering,” *The Associated Press*, 3/12/22)

**According To Authorities, “She Purposely Broke A Seal On A Ballot Container ... That Prevented Votes Inside The Container From Being Counted In An Anticipated Recount.”** “Funk was Flint Township's clerk when authorities allege she purposely broke a seal on a ballot container, according to the attorney general's office. Under Michigan law, that prevented votes inside the container from being counted in an anticipated recount.” (“Elections Official In Michigan Charged With Ballot Tampering,” *The Associated Press*, 3/12/22)

### **In September 2022, An Expelled Democratic Congressman Was Sentenced To 30 Months In Prison For Long Running Election Fraud That Included Falsification Of Voting Records And Conspiring To Illegally Vote By Stuffing Ballot Boxes**

**In September 2022, Michael “Ozzie” Myers,” An Expelled Former Democratic Congressman, Was Sentenced To Prison For Federal Election Fraud Dating Back To 2014.** “Expelled former Democratic congressman Michael ‘Ozzie’ Myers has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for federal election fraud dating back to 2014, the Justice Department said Tuesday, and was immediately taken into custody.” (Sonia Moghe, “Ex-Democratic Congressman Sentenced To Prison In Yearslong Pennsylvania Election Fraud Schemen,” *CNN*, 9/27/22)

**Myers Had Pleaded Guilty To Numerous Charges That Included “Falsification Of Voting Records, And Conspiring To Illegally Vote In A Federal Election As Part Of Scams To Stuff Ballot Boxes For Certain Democratic Candidates.”** “Myers, 79, pleaded guilty in June to conspiracy to deprive voters of civil rights, bribery, obstruction of justice, falsification of voting records, and conspiring to illegally vote in a federal election as part of scams to stuff ballot boxes for certain Democratic candidates in Pennsylvania elections between 2014 and 2018, the DOJ said in a news release.” (Sonia Moghe, “Ex-Democratic Congressman Sentenced To Prison In Yearslong Pennsylvania Election Fraud Schemen,” *CNN*, 9/27/22)

**“Prosecutors Said Some Of The Candidates Were Running To Be Judges And Had Hired Myers, Who Would Use Portions Of ‘Consulting Fees’ From His Clients To Pay Others To Interfere With Election Results.”** (Sonia Moghe, “Ex-Democratic Congressman Sentenced To Prison In Yearslong Pennsylvania Election Fraud Schemen,” *CNN*, 9/27/22)

# AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

## Illinois

### **Illinois Is An Automatic Voter Registration State That Mistakenly Registered Up To 545 Noncitizens To Vote In 2020. At Least 15 Of Those Noncitizens Who Were Registered Cast 19 Ballots**

**Illinois Is An Automatic Voter Registration State.** “Illinois gained national attention in 2017 when then-Gov. Bruce Rauner was among the first Republican governors to support automatic voter registration. He’d rejected a previous version over concerns of voter fraud, which studies have shown is exceedingly rare. A portion of the law streamlining registrations went into effect in 2018. Full automatic voter registration, which is linked to the state’s REAL ID and requires documents proving citizenship, didn’t begin in earnest until last summer.” (Sophia Tareen, “Illinois: Error Registered A Possible 545 Noncitizen Voters,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/23/20)

- **When State Residents Obtain A Driver’s License, They Must Meet Certain Criteria To Certify Their Citizenship And Then Are Sent To Election Officials For Registration.** “When Illinois residents get standard driver’s licenses, they have to confirm they meet the criteria to vote, certifying they are 18 and a U.S. citizen. Only those who meet the criteria are supposed to be sent to election officials for registration.” (Sophia Tareen, “Illinois: Error Registered A Possible 545 Noncitizen Voters,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/23/20)

**In January 2020, Illinois’ Automatic Voter Registration System Mistakenly Registered Up To 545 Noncitizens To Vote.** “An error in Illinois’ new automatic voter registration system led to a possible 545 non-U.S. citizens being registered to vote, 15 of whom cast ballots, state officials publicly acknowledged this week. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White’s office, which oversees driver’s licenses, said the data of 574 people who self-identified as non-citizens was erroneously forwarded to elections officials to be registered to vote. Election officials confirmed Tuesday that 545 of them were ultimately registered.” (Sophia Tareen, “Illinois: Error Registered A Possible 545 Noncitizen Voters,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/23/20)

- **15 Noncitizens Flagged Had Cast 19 Ballots In The 2018 And 2019 Elections.** “The 15 people cast 19 ballots in elections in 2018 and 2019. It was not immediately unclear what would happen to the individuals. Both state and federal law bars non-citizens from voting. Noncitizens have been deported for voting illegally, even when they were unaware they were ineligible.” (Sophia Tareen, “Illinois: Error Registered A Possible 545 Noncitizen Voters,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/23/20)

**The Secretary Of State’s Office Attributed The Mistake To A “Computer Error.”** “‘It was a computer error,’ White spokesman Dave Druker said Tuesday. ‘We moved to correct it and contacted people involved.’” (Sophia Tareen, “Illinois: Error Registered A Possible 545 Noncitizen Voters,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/23/20)

### **The State’s Automatic Voter Registration Errors Has Placed Numerous Immigrants At Risk For Deportation**

**Headline: “Voter Registration Error Risks Deportation For Immigrants”** (Sophia Tareen, “Voter Registration Error Risks Deportation For Immigrants,” [The Associated Press](#), 2/10/20)

**After Peruvian Citizen Living In Illinois Accepted An Offer To Register To Vote In 2005, She Faced Numerous Struggles That Eventually Led To Her Deportation.** “The day Margarita Del Pilar Fitzpatrick applied for an Illinois driver’s license upended her life. When a clerk offered to register her to vote in 2005, the Peruvian citizen mistakenly accepted, leading to long legal battles and eventually deportation. A decade and a half later, she struggles to find work at 52, is nearly homeless and hasn’t seen two of her three American citizen daughters in years because of a secretary of state’s office mishap.” (Sophia Tareen, “Voter Registration Error Risks Deportation For Immigrants,” [The Associated Press](#), 2/10/20)

**“A Handful Of Other Immigrants Could Face A Similar Fate, Or Criminal Charges, After A Mistake In Illinois’ Automatic Voter Registration System Allowed Of Hundreds Of People Who Identified Themselves As Non-U.S. Citizens To Register. Sixteen Cast Ballots.”** (Sophia Tareen, “Voter Registration Error Risks Deportation For Immigrants,” [The Associated Press](#), 2/10/20)

## California

### **California Is An Automatic Voter Registration State, But Its Registration System Suffered Glitches Leading To More Than 100,000 Voter Registration Error**

**California DMV Officials Have Found More Than 100,000 Voter Registration Errors After The State Enacted Automatic Voter Registration In 2018.** “California’s rollout of automatic voter registration didn’t go as planned. It seemed like a good idea: Cut the bureaucracy by adding voters automatically and welcome more residents to political participation. Since April 2018, when California residents go to the Department of Motor Vehicles to register a car or get a license, they are added to the state voter rolls — unless they opt out. ... But DMV officials later found more than 100,000 registration errors in the first year, including some voters registered to the wrong party. And at least one noncitizen (state officials still are investigating how many in total) was accidentally signed up — a significant error since noncitizens aren’t allowed to vote.” (Matt Vasilogambros, “Glitches In California Embolden Automatic Voter Registration Foes,” [PEW](#), 10/17/19)

**Errors Found Included Registering Some Voters To The Wrong Party And At Least One Noncitizen, “A Significant Error Since Noncitizens Aren’t Allowed To Vote.”** “But DMV officials later found more than 100,000 registration errors in the first year, including some voters registered to the wrong party. And at least one noncitizen (state officials still are investigating how many in total) was accidentally signed up — a significant error since noncitizens aren’t allowed to vote.” (Matt Vasilogambros, “Glitches In California Embolden Automatic Voter Registration Foes,” [PEW](#), 10/17/19)

**According To An Attorney That Represented Several Californians Who Had Sued The State, There Were 105,000 Voter Registration Errors And At Least Six Ineligible Voters Had Voted.** “The lawsuit calls on state officials to develop a better system to prevent future citizen-related errors. Mark Meuser, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said state agencies struggle to maintain databases and share information to keep voter rolls accurate. ... Meuser said he thinks Californians are worried about a program that made 105,000 voter registration errors and allowed an unknown number of noncitizens to be added to the voter rolls. At least 1,500 people who are ineligible to vote were registered in the months following the April 2018 rollout, election officials said, six of whom voted in the midterm elections, according to a state review.” (Matt Vasilogambros, “Glitches In California Embolden Automatic Voter Registration Foes,” [PEW](#), 10/17/19)

## EXTENDING VOTING RIGHTS TO NONCITIZENS

### **Numerous States And Local Governments Have Sought To Or Are In The Process Of Allowing Noncitizens To Vote**

**In Multnomah County, Oregon, Voters Will Decide A Ballot Measure This November To Expand Voting Rights To Noncitizens.** “Voters in Multnomah County will see a ballot measure this November that would expand voting rights to residents who aren’t U.S. citizens. Last month, a group tasked with reviewing Multnomah County’s charter — effectively a local constitution — unanimously recommended adding language that would extend voting rights to more groups, including people who are not citizens.” (Max Egner, “Noncitizens In Multnomah County Could Be Granted Right To Vote,” [Oregon Capital Insider](#), 7/5/22)

**“If Voters Pass The Measure, Multnomah County Would Be The First Jurisdiction In Oregon To Grant The Right To Vote In Local Elections To ‘Noncitizens.’”** (Max Egner, “Noncitizens In Multnomah County Could Be Granted Right To Vote,” [Oregon Capital Insider](#), 7/5/22)

**If The Ballot Measure Is Approved, Multnomah Will Join Eleven Cities In Maryland, Two In Vermont And San Francisco To Allow Noncitizens To Vote.** “The county would be one of only a handful of jurisdictions in the United States that allow noncitizens to vote in local elections. Eleven cities in Maryland, two in Vermont and San Francisco currently allow voting by noncitizens.” (Max Egner, “Noncitizens In Multnomah County Could Be Granted Right To Vote,” [Oregon Capital Insider](#), 7/5/22)



## **In 2022, New York City's Law Expanding Voting Rights To Noncitizens Was Struck Down**

**In June 2022, A New York State Supreme Justice Struck Down A New York City Law Allowing Noncitizens To Vote In Local Elections As It Violated The State Constitution.** “A law that would have allowed noncitizens to vote in local elections in New York City was struck down on Monday by a State Supreme Court justice on Staten Island who said it violated the State Constitution.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “New York City’s Noncitizen Voting Law Is Struck Down,” [The New York Times](#), 6/27/22)

**According To The Judge, The Law Conflicted With Constitutional Guidelines And Would Require A Referendum.** “But Justice Ralph J. Porzio ruled that the new law conflicted with constitutional guidelines and state law stating that only eligible citizens can vote. To give noncitizens a right to vote would require a referendum, the judge wrote.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “New York City’s Noncitizen Voting Law Is Struck Down,” [The New York Times](#), 6/27/22)

**The New York City Council Had Passed The Measure In December 2018 To Give 800,000 Noncitizens Voting Rights.** “The measure, which was passed by the City Council in December, would have allowed more than 800,000 permanent legal residents and people with authorization to work in the United States to vote for offices such as mayor and City Council.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “New York City’s Noncitizen Voting Law Is Struck Down,” [The New York Times](#), 6/27/22)

**At The Time Of The Measure's Passage, New York City Became The Largest City In The Country To Extend Voting Rights To Noncitizens.** “When it passed the legislation, New York City became the largest city in the country to grant noncitizens the right to vote, inserting itself at the forefront of an increasingly polarized national debate about voting rights, as some states began to expand eligibility while others went in the other direction, moving to explicitly bar noncitizens from voting.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “New York City’s Noncitizen Voting Law Is Struck Down,” [The New York Times](#), 6/27/22)