

Friday Voter ID Update 2/26

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### **NATIONAL**

New study describes how opponents of voter ID laws use highly inflated statistics regarding voters who lack an acceptable form of ID to challenge voter ID laws in legislatures, the courts, and in the public debate. This study evaluates the data used in a number of states and examines Virginia as a case study of how faulty data has been used in state legislative debates and in media reporting.

[\*Faulty Data Fuel Challenges to Voter ID Laws\*](#)

### **STATES**

#### **Alabama**

The judge has denied the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction in the challenge to Alabama's voter ID law. The plaintiffs sought to enjoin the voter ID law before Alabama's March 1 primary, but the judge found that plaintiffs did not offer a convincing reason why obtaining a photo voter ID is an undue burden.

[\*Judge won't suspend photo voter ID requirement\*](#)

## **Missouri**

Two voter ID bills have been passed by the Missouri House of Representatives. One bill would require a government-issued photo identification to be presented prior to voting. The other bill is a proposed amendment to the Missouri constitution to allow voter ID; Missouri voters would need to approve the amendment in November for it to be enacted. The Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee has passed the bills, but Senate Democrats are threatening a filibuster.

[\*Voter ID in Missouri clears last hurdle before Senate floor debate\*](#)

## **New Hampshire**

The first-in-the-nation presidential primary makes history every four years, and on February 9 it did so for an additional reason. This was the first presidential primary after the passage of New Hampshire's voter ID law. As anticipated, the first national election under the fully implemented voter ID law went smoothly and few voters came to the polls without the required ID. Residents without an ID had to fill out a voter affidavit and have their picture taken with a Polaroid camera.

[\*New Photo Voter ID Law Sees Smooth Implementation\*](#)

## **North Carolina**

The trial in a challenge to North Carolina's voter ID law concluded on Monday, February 1. The judge had previously denied a motion for a preliminary injunction, allowing the voter ID requirement to remain in place for North Carolina's March 15 primary.

[\*Ruling may be weeks away on North Carolina voter ID mandate\*](#)

## **North Dakota**

Native Americans have filed suit against North Dakota's voter ID law, claiming that it disproportionately burdens and disenfranchises Native Americans. The Secretary of State filed a motion to dismiss.

[\*Secretary of state asks that tribal voting ID lawsuit be dismissed\*](#)

## **Virginia**

"A Virginia law requiring voters to show photo identification went on trial in federal court on Monday, challenged by Democratic Party activists who allege it throws up barriers to voting by minorities and the poor."

[\*Virginia's voter ID law challenged in federal trial\*](#)

## West Virginia

The West Virginia House of Delegates approved the new voter ID bill by a vote of 64-34 and the bill now moves forward to the Senate.

[WV House approves voter ID bill](#)

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On Tuesday, February 16, Wisconsin conducted its first election under its voter ID law. Very few issues were reported, and turnout increased, including in minority-dominated Milwaukee.

[A bad day for voter ID opponents](#)

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