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Counties Nationwide Put on Notice About Ineligible and Non-Citizen Voters

Counties in Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Nevada Have Issues

(Alexandria, VA) – January 19. The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) has put 37 counties on notice across the United States that they have an implausible number of voter registrations. PILF has sent 37 statutory notice letters to county officials in six states. The letters are a prerequisite to bringing a lawsuit against those election officials under Section 8 of the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). The PILF request seeks information about how those counties are preventing non-citizens from participating in the 2016 elections.

The notice letters state that it appears they are violating the NVRA because they are not properly maintaining the voter rolls. The NVRA (known as Motor Voter) requires state and local election officials to properly maintain voter rolls to ensure that only eligible voters are registered to vote.

Letters, like [this one](#), were sent to election officials in Colorado, Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Publically-available data show that the counties either have more registered voters than eligible living citizens, or a number of registrants that is implausibly high.

PILF has also asked officials in New Hampshire and Wisconsin to provide information about efforts to detect non-citizens and prevent aliens from participating in elections in those states.

In August 2015, PILF sent notice letters to [141 counties](#) across the country with more registrants than people alive. PILF has since filed litigation in federal court against two of these counties whose voter rolls had become corrupted. The first suit, against Clarke County, Mississippi, resulted in a [consent decree](#) that will force local election officials to begin removing ineligible voters prior to 2016 election. The other, against [Noxubee County, Mississippi](#), is still pending.

The latest set of letters brings the grand total to 178 counties that may be violating federal law. [Recent studies](#) estimate the number of inaccurate or invalid voter registrations may exceed 20 million.

“Corrupted voter rolls provide the perfect environment for voter fraud,” said J. Christian Adams, President and General Counsel of PILF. “Non-citizens have participated in American elections and instead of prosecuting the behavior the Department of Justice has enabled it in places like Florida. Too much is at stake this year to allow that to happen again.”

The Public Interest Legal Foundation will monitor responses by the 37 counties and hopes to engage local election officials in discussions on how to effectively clean voter rolls and ensure aliens are not registered. The list of counties who received the notice letter can be found [here](#).

The Public Interest Legal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm dedicated to election integrity. PILF exists to assist states and others to aid the cause of election integrity and fight against lawlessness in American elections. Drawing on numerous experts in the field, PILF seeks to protect the right to vote and preserve the Constitutional framework of American elections. Media inquiries: media@publicinterestlegal.org.