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Another Voter Integrity Victory in Ohio

Federal Appeals Court Upholds Ohio's Generous Early Voting Laws

(Alexandria, VA) – August 23. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals [has upheld](#) Ohio's election integrity law against, as the court described it, an "astonishing" attack funded by George Soros and brought by the general counsel for the Clinton campaign.

The left-wing groups bringing the challenge claimed that Ohio was violating the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and violating the Constitution when it reduced its early voting period from 35 to 29 days. The change was part of Ohio's attempt to reduce the chaos that had led to voter fraud in the 2008 election. At least two people had pled guilty to voting in Ohio illegally because they resided elsewhere.

The Sixth Circuit rejected the attack as a far-reaching application of the Voting Rights Act that would result in judges "micromanaging" state election rules, in the name of unfounded claims of discrimination.

The Public Interest Legal Foundation [filed an amicus brief](#) in the appeal explaining how the Voting Rights Act must not be used as a "one-way ratchet" that only lets states change their election laws in ways that benefit one partisan side. Instead, a Section 2 claim requires proof that an election regulation is actually causing real world barriers to participation in the political process. The Sixth Circuit agreed and adopted much of the language and rationale from the Foundation's brief.

"George Soros is spending millions to alter the rules of American elections," said J. Christian Adams, President of Public Interest Legal Foundation. "Today the Court of Appeals countered millions of Soros dollars with American common sense. The Voting Rights Act should not be used as a political weapon."

The case is Ohio Democratic Party v. Husted, 16-3561 (6th Circuit).

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.

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