## 50 States Sued to Block Computerized Vote Counting

## Federal Court to be Asked to Delay Primaries

There is Nothing More Important Than to Save the Core of our Republic – the Vote!

The Counting of the People's Votes Must Be Open, Verifiable and <u>Transparent</u>

On November 1, all fifty states in the Union were sued to prohibit them from using any type of vote counting machines and to require them to hand-count and total all ballots in full view of the public.

One hundred and fifty plaintiffs from across the nation contend that the voting machines and current election practices are unconstitutional because they are ripe for fraud, "hacking" and error and they effectively conceal the physical vote counting process from the public, thereby depriving all citizens of their Constitutionally guaranteed Right to cast an effective vote.

The federal lawsuit, called the NCEL, National Clean Elections Lawsuit, follows documented failures of official state voting machines at the 2007 lowa Straw Poll, persisting claims and statistical studies questioning the integrity of the 2004 presidential election, and the official de-certification this past August of virtually every major electronic voting system by the California Secretary of State. Numerous, comprehensive academic studies have documented the systems' substantial vulnerabilities, including criminal software tampering, network "hacking" and vote fraud.

No Voting Machines.
Paper Ballots.
Public Counting.
Clean Elections.
Liberty!



The lawsuit seeks an Order from the United States District Court prohibiting the use of all voting machines and requiring election officials instead to utilize paper ballots and to count and total all votes by hand, always in full view of the public. The court will also be asked to delay the 2008 Primaries pending resolution of these critical Constitutional issues.

The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly defended these principles:

"...as equally unquestionable that **the right to have one's vote counted** is as open to protection
. . as the right to put a ballot in a box."

- United States v. Mosley, 238 U.S. 383, 386

"Obviously included within the right to choose, secured by the Constitution, is the right of qualified voters within a state to cast their ballots **and have them counted** . . . ."

- United States v. Classic, 313 U.S. 299, 315

"Almost a century ago, in *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, 118 U.S. 356, the Court referred to 'the political franchise of voting' as 'a fundamental political right, because it is **preservative of all rights**. '118 U.S., at 370."

- Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533, 562.

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