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Sanders; United States v. Alicea; United States v. Brooks; United States v. Hamilton; United States v. Little; United States v. Swift; United States v. Anderson; United States v. Cox; United States v. Edwards; United States v. Gooden		00162; 2:05-CR-00163; 2:05-CR-00168; 2:05-CR-00170; 2:05-CR-00171; 2:05-CR-00172; 2:05-CR-00177; 2:05-CR-00207; 2:05-CR-00209; 2:05-CR-00211; 2:05-CR-00212	2005; October 31, 2005, November 10, 2005	with double voting, in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(e). Indictments were filed against convicted felons Milo R. Ocasio and Kimberly Prude, charging them with falsely certifying that they were eligible to vote, in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973gg-10(2)(B), and against Enrique C. Sanders, charging him with multiple voting, in			

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				violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(e). Five more indictments were later returned charging Cynthia C. Alicea with multiple voting in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(e) and convicted felons Deshawn B. Brooks, Alexander T. Hamilton, Derek G. Little, and Eric L. Swift with falsely certifying that they were eligible to vote			

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				<p>in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973gg-10(2)(B). Indictments were filed against Davis and Byas charging them with double voting. Four more indictments were returned charging convicted felons Ethel M. Anderson, Jiyto L. Cox, Correan F. Edwards, and Joseph J. Gooden with falsely certifying that they were eligible to vote.</p>			

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				<p>Ocasio and Hamilton pled guilty. Prude was found guilty. A mistrial was declared in the Sanders case. Brooks was acquitted. Byas signed a plea agreement agreeing to plead to a misdemeanor 18 U.S.C. section 242 charge. Swift moved to change his plea. Davis was found incompetent to stand trial so the government dismissed the case. Gooden is a fugitive.</p>			

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				Alicea was acquitted. Four cases are pending --- Anderson, Cox, Edwards, and Little.			

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Am. Ass'n of People with Disabilities v. Shelley	United States District Court for the Central District of California	324 F. Supp. 2d 1120; 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12587	July 6, 2004	Plaintiffs, disabled voters and organizations representing those voters, sought to enjoin the directives of defendant California Secretary of State, which decertified and withdrew approval of the use of certain direct recording electronic voting systems. One voter applied for a temporary restraining order, or, in	The voters urged the invalidation of the Secretary's directives because, allegedly, their effect was to deprive the voters of the opportunity to vote using touch--screen technology. Although it was not disputed that some disabled persons would be unable to vote independently and in private without the use of DREs, it was clear that they would not be	No	N/A	No

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				the alternative, a preliminary injunction.	deprived of their fundamental right to vote. The Americans with Disabilities Act did not require accommodation that would enable disabled persons to vote in a manner that was comparable in every way with the voting rights enjoyed by persons without disabilities. Rather, it mandated that voting programs be made accessible.			

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					Defendant's decision to suspend the use of DREs pending improvement in their reliability and security of the devices was a rational one, designed to protect the voting rights of the state's citizens. The evidence did not support the conclusion that the elimination of the DREs would have a discriminatory effect on the visually or manually impaired. Thus, the voters			

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					showed little likelihood of success on the merits. The individual's request for a temporary restraining order, or, in the alternative, a preliminary injunction, was denied.			
Am. Ass'n of People with Disabilities v. Hood	United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida	310 F. Supp. 2d 1226; 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5615	March 24, 2004	Plaintiffs, disabled voters, and a national organization, sued defendants, the Florida Secretary of State, the Director of the Division of Elections of the Florida	The voters were visually or manually impaired. The optical scan voting system purchased by the county at issue was not readily accessible to visually or manually impaired	No	N/A	No

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				<p>Department of State, and a county supervisor of elections, under Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Summary judgment was granted for the Secretary and the Director as to visually impaired voters.</p>	<p>voters. The voters were unable to vote using the system without third-party assistance. If it was feasible for the county to purchase a readily accessible system, then the voters' rights under the ADA and the RA were violated. The court found that the manually impaired voter's rights were violated. To the extent "jelly switches" and "sip and puff" devices</p>			

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					<p>needed to be attached to a touch screen machine for it to be accessible, it was not feasible for the supervisor to provide such a system, since no such system had been certified at the time of the county's purchase. 28 C.F.R. § 35.160 did not require that visually or manually impaired voters be able to vote in the same or similar manner as non--disabled voters.</p>			

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					<p>Visually and manually impaired voters had to be afforded an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of voting. The voters' "generic" discrimination claim was coterminous with their claim under 28 C.F.R. § 35.151. A declaratory judgment was entered against the supervisor to the extent another voting system would</p>			

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					<p>have permitted unassisted voting. The supervisor was directed to have some voting machines permitting visually impaired voters to vote alone. The supervisor was directed to procure another system if the county's system was not certified and/or did not permit mouth stick voting. The Secretary and Director were granted judgment against the voters.</p>			

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Troiano v. Lepore	United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida	2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25850	November 3, 2003	Plaintiffs, disabled voters, sued defendant a state county supervisor of elections alleging discrimination pursuant to the Americans With Disability Act, 42 U.S.C.S. § 12132 et seq., § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C.S. § 794 et seq., and declaratory relief for the discrimination. Both sides moved for summary judgment.	The complaint alleged that after the 2000 elections Palm Beach County purchased a certain number of sophisticated voting machines called the "Sequoia." According to the voters, even though such accessible machines were available, the supervisor decided not to place such accessible machines in each precinct because it would slow things down	No	N/A	No

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					<p>too much. The court found that the voters lacked standing because they failed to show that they had suffered an injury in fact. The voters also failed to show a likely threat of a future injury because there was no reasonable grounds to believe that the audio components of the voting machines would not be provided in the future. The voters also failed to state</p>			

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					<p>an injury that could be redressed by a favorable decision, because the supervisor was already using the Sequoia machines and had already trained poll workers on the use of the machines. Finally, the action was moot because the Sequoia machines had been provided and there was no reasonable expectation that the machines would not have audio</p>			

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					components available in the future. The supervisor's motion for summary judgment was granted. The voters' motion for summary judgment was denied.			
Troiano v. Supervisor of Elections	United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	382 F.3d 1276; 2004 U.S. App. LEXIS 18497	September 1, 2004	Plaintiff visually impaired registered voters sued defendant county election supervisor, alleging that the failure to make available audio components in voting booths	The district court granted the election supervisor summary judgment on the grounds that the voters did not have standing to assert their claims and the claims were moot. The appellate court	No	N/A	No

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				<p>to assist persons who were blind or visually impaired violated state and federal law. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida entered summary judgment in favor of the election supervisor. The voters appealed.</p>	<p>agreed that the case was moot because the election supervisor had furnished the requested audio components and those components were to be available in all of the county's voting precincts in upcoming elections. Specifically, the election supervisor had ceased the allegedly illegal practice of limiting access to the audio components</p>			

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					<p>prior to receiving notice of the litigation. Moreover, since making the decision to use audio components in every election, the election supervisor had consistently followed that policy and taken actions to implement it even prior to the litigation. Thus, the appellate court could discern no hint that she had any intention of removing the accessible</p>			

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					voting machines in the future. Therefore, the voters' claims were moot, and the district court's dismissal was affirmed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The decision was affirmed.			
Am. Ass'n of People with Disabilities v. Smith	United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida	227 F. Supp. 2d 1276; 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 21373	October 16, 2002	Plaintiff organization of people with disabilities and certain visually and manually impaired voters filed an action against defendant state and local	Individual plaintiffs were unable to vote unassisted with the equipment currently used in the county or the equipment the county had recently purchased. In order to vote,	No	N/A	No

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				<p>election officials and members of a city council, claiming violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.S. § 12101 et seq., and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Fla. Const. art. VI, § 1. Defendants filed motions to dismiss.</p>	<p>the impaired individuals relied on the assistance of third parties. The court held that it could not say that plaintiffs would be unable to prove any state of facts that would satisfy the ripeness and standing requirements. The issue of whether several Florida statutory sections were violative of the Florida Constitution were so intertwined with the federal</p>			

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					<p>claims that to decline supplemental jurisdiction be an abuse of discretion. Those statutes which provided for assistance in voting did not violate Fla. Const. art. VI, § 1. Because plaintiffs may be able to prove that visually and manually impaired voters were being denied meaningful access to the service, program, or activity, the court could not</p>			

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					<p>say with certainty that they would not be entitled to relief under any state of facts which could be proved in support of their claims. Defendant council members were entitled to absolute legislative immunity. The state officials' motion to dismiss was granted in part such that the counts were dismissed with prejudice to the extent plaintiffs asserted that</p>			

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					<p>they had been excluded from or denied the benefits of a program of direct and secret voting and in part was dismissed with leave to amend. The local officials motion to dismiss was granted in part such that all counts against the city council members were dismissed.</p>			

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Johnson v. Bush	United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida	214 F. Supp. 2d 1333; 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14782	July 18, 2002	Plaintiff felons sued defendant state officials for alleged violations of their constitutional rights. The officials moved and the felons cross-moved for summary judgment.	The felons had all successfully completed their terms of incarceration and/or probation, but their civil rights to register and vote had not been restored. They alleged that Florida's disenfranchisement law violated their rights under First, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Twenty--Fourth Amendments to the United States Constitution, as well as § 1983 and §§ 2 and 10 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Each of the felons' claims was fatally flawed.	No	N/A	No

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					<p>The felons' exclusion from voting did not violate the Equal Protection or Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution. The First Amendment did not guarantee felons the right to vote. Although there was evidence that racial animus was a factor in the initial enactment of Florida's disenfranchisement law, there was no evidence that race played a part in the re-enactment of that provision. Although it appeared that there was a disparate impact on</p>			

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					<p>minorities, the cause was racially neutral. Finally, requiring the felons to pay their victim restitution before their rights would be restored did not constitute an improper poll tax or wealth qualification. The court granted the officials' motion for summary judgment and implicitly denied the felons' motion. Thus, the court dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice.</p>			
Farrakhan v. Locke	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington	2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22212	December 1, 2000	Plaintiffs, convicted felons who were also racial minorities, sued defendants for alleged	The felons alleged that Washington's felon disenfranchisement and restoration of civil rights	No	N/A	No

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				<p>violations of the Voting Rights Act. The parties filed cross--motions for summary judgment.</p>	<p>schemes, premised upon Wash. Const. art. VI § 3, resulted in the denial of the right to vote to racial minorities in violation of the VRA. They argued that race bias in, or the discriminatory effect of, the criminal justice system resulted in a disproportionate number of racial minorities being disenfranchised following felony convictions. The court concluded that Washington's felon disenfranchisement provision disenfranchised a disproportionate number of</p>			

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					<p>minorities; as a result, minorities were under--represented in Washington's political process. The Rooker--Feldman doctrine barred the felons from bringing any as--applied challenges, and even if it did not bar such claims, there was no evidence that the felons' individual convictions were born of discrimination in the criminal justice system. However, the felons' facial challenge also failed. The remedy they sought would create a new</p>			

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					constitutional problem, allowing disenfranchisement only of white felons. Further, the felons did not establish a causal connection between the disenfranchisement provision and the prohibited result. The court granted defendants' motion and denied the felons' motion for summary judgment.			
Farrakhan v. Washington	United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	338 F.3d 1009; 2003 U.S. App. LEXIS 14810	July 25, 2003	Plaintiff inmates sued defendant state officials, claiming that Washington state's felon disenfranchisement scheme constitutes improper race--based vote denial	Upon conviction of infamous crimes in the state, (that is, crimes punishable by death or imprisonment in a state correctional facility), the inmates were disenfranchised.	No	N/A	No

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				<p>in violation of § 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington granted of summary judgment dismissing the inmates' claims. The inmates appealed.</p>	<p>The inmates claimed that the disenfranchisement scheme violated § 2 because the criminal justice system was biased against minorities, causing a disproportionate minority representation among those being disenfranchised. The appellate court held, inter alia, that the district court erred in failing to consider evidence of racial bias in the state's criminal justice system in determining whether the state's felon disenfranchisement laws resulted in</p>			

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					<p>denial of the right to vote on account of race. Instead of applying its novel "by itself" causation standard, the district court should have applied a totality of the circumstances test that included analysis of the inmates' compelling evidence of racial bias in Washington's criminal justice system. However, the inmates lacked standing to challenge the restoration scheme because they presented no evidence of their eligibility, much</p>			

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					less even allege that they were eligible for restoration, and had not attempted to have their civil rights restored. The court affirmed as to the eligibility claim but reversed and remanded for further proceedings to the bias in the criminal justice system claim.			
Muntaqim v. Coombe	United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	366 F.3d 102; 2004 U.S. App. LEXIS 8077	April 23, 2004	Plaintiff inmate appealed a judgment of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, which granted summary judgment in favor of defendants in the inmate's action alleging violation	At issue was whether the VRA could be applied to N.Y. Elec. Law§ 5-106, which disenfranchised currently incarcerated felons and parolees. The instant court concluded that the Voting Rights Act did not apply to the	No	N/A	No

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				of § 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.	New York law. Applying the Act to state law would alter the traditional balance of power between the states and the federal government. The court was not convinced that there was a congruence and proportionality between the injury to be prevented or remedied (i.e., the use of vote denial and dilution schemes to avoid the strictures of the VRA), and the means adopted to that end (i.e., prohibition of state felon disenfranchisement law that resulted in			

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					<p>vote denial or dilution but were not enacted with a discriminatory purpose). Further, there was no clear statement from Congress that the Act applied to state felon disenfranchisement statutes. Inter alia, defendants were entitled to qualified immunity as to claim asserted against them in their personal capacities, and to Eleventh Amendment immunity to the extent the inmate sought damages against defendants in their official capacities. The</p>			

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					district court's judgment was affirmed.			
Johnson v. Governor of Fla.	United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	353 F.3d 1287; 2003 U.S. App. LEXIS 25859	December 19, 2003	Plaintiffs, ex--felon citizens of Florida, on their own right and on behalf of others, sought review of a decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, which granted summary judgment to defendants, members of the Florida Clemency Board in their official capacity. The citizens challenged the validity of the Florida felon disenfranchisement laws.	The citizens alleged that Fla. Const. art. VI, § 4 (1968) was racially discriminatory and violated their constitutional rights. The citizens also alleged violations of the Voting Rights Act. The court of appeals initially examined the history of Fla. Const. art. VI, § 4 (1968) and determined that the citizens had presented evidence that historically the disenfranchisement provisions were motivated by a	No	N/A	No

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					<p>discriminatory animus. The citizens had met their initial burden of showing that race was a substantial motivating factor. The state was then required to show that the current disenfranchisement provisions would have been enacted absent the impermissible discriminatory intent. Because the state had not met its burden, summary judgment should not have been granted. The court of appeals found that the claim under the Voting Rights Act, also needed to</p>			

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					<p>be remanded for further proceedings. Under a totality of the circumstances, the district court needed to analyze whether intentional racial discrimination was behind the Florida disenfranchisement provisions. The court affirmed the district court's decision to grant summary judgment on the citizens' poll tax claim. The court reversed the district court's decision to grant summary judgment to the Board on the claims under the equal protection clause and for</p>			

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					violation of federal voting laws and remanded the matter to the district court for further proceedings.			
Fischer v. Governor	Supreme Court of New Hampshire	145 N.H. 28; 749 A.2d 321; 2000 N.H. LEXIS 16	March 24, 2000	Appellant State of New Hampshire challenged a ruling of the superior court that the felon disenfranchisement statutes violate N.H. Const. pt. I, Art. 11.	Appellee was incarcerated at the New Hampshire State Prison on felony convictions. When he requested an absentee ballot to vote from a city clerk, the request was denied. The clerk sent him a copy of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 607(A)(2) (1986), which prohibits a felon from voting "from the time of his sentence until his final discharge." The trial court	No	N/A	No

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					<p>declared the disenfranchisement statutes unconstitutional and ordered local election officials to allow the plaintiff to vote. Appellant State of New Hampshire challenged this ruling. The central issue was whether the felon disenfranchisement statutes violated N.H. Const. pt. I, art. 11. After a review of the article, its constitutional history, and legislation pertinent to the right of felons to vote, the court concluded that the legislature retained the</p>			

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					authority under the article to determine voter qualifications and that the felon disenfranchisement statutes were a reasonable exercise of legislative authority, and reversed. Judgment reversed because the court concluded that the legislature retained its authority under the New Hampshire Constitution to determine voter qualifications and that the felon disenfranchisement statutes were a reasonable exercise of legislative authority.			
Johnson v. Governor of	United States Court of	405 F.3d 1214;	April 12, 2005	Plaintiff individuals sued	The individuals argued that the	No	N/A	No

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Fla.	Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 5945		defendant members of Florida Clemency Board, arguing that Florida's felon disenfranchisement law, Fla. Const. art. VI, § 4 (1968), violated the Equal Protection Clause and the Voting Rights Act. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida granted the members summary judgment. A divided appellate panel reversed. The panel opinion was vacated and a rehearing en banc was granted.	racial animus motivating the adoption of Florida's disenfranchisement laws in 1868 remained legally operative despite the reenactment of Fla. Const. art. VI, § 4 in 1968. The subsequent reenactment eliminated any discriminatory taint from the law as originally enacted because the provision narrowed the class of disenfranchised individuals and was amended through a deliberative process. Moreover, there was no allegation of racial			

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					<p>discrimination at the time of the reenactment. Thus, the disenfranchisement provision was not a violation of the Equal Protection Clause and the district court properly granted the members summary judgment on that claim. The argument that the Voting Rights Act applied to Florida's disenfranchisement provision was rejected because it raised grave constitutional concerns, i.e., prohibiting a practice that the Fourteenth Amendment</p>			

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					permitted the state to maintain. In addition, the legislative history indicated that Congress never intended the Voting Rights Act to reach felon disenfranchisement provisions. Thus, the district court properly granted the members summary judgment on the Voting Rights Act claim. The motion for summary judgment in favor of the members was granted.			
Mixon v. Commonwealth	Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania	759 A.2d 442; 2000 Pa. Commw.	September 18, 2000	Respondents filed objections to petitioners' complaint seeking declaratory relief	Petitioner convicted felons were presently or had formerly been confined in state	No	N/A	No

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		LEXIS 534		as to the unconstitutionality of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 2600 -- 3591, and the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, 25 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 961.101--961.5109, regarding felon voting rights.	prison. Petitioner elector was currently registered to vote in respondent state. Petitioners filed a complaint against respondent state seeking declaratory relief challenging as unconstitutional, state election and voting laws that excluded confined felons from the definition of qualified absentee electors and that barred a felon who had been released from a penal institution for less than five years from registering to vote. Respondents filed objections to petitioners'			

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					<p>complaint. The court sustained respondents' objection that incarcerated felons were not unconstitutionally deprived of qualified absentee elector status because respondent state had broad power to determine the conditions under which suffrage could be exercised. However, petitioner elector had no standing and the court overruled objection as to deprivation of ex--felon voting rights. The court sustained respondents' objection since</p>			

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					incarcerated felons were not unconstitutionally deprived of qualified absentee elector status and petitioner elector had no standing, but objection that ex--incarcerated felons' voting rights were deprived was overruled since status penalized them.			
Rosello v. Calderon	United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico	2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27216	November 30, 2004	Plaintiff voters filed a § 1983 action against defendant government officials alleging violations the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the U.S. Const. amend. XIV, resulting from the	The voters' § 1983 action against government officials alleged that absentee ballots for a gubernatorial election were untimely mailed and that split votes, which registered two votes for the	No	N/A	No

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				<p>invalidity of absentee and split ballots in a gubernatorial election.</p>	<p>same office, were null. The court asserted jurisdiction over the disparate treatment claims, which arose under the U.S. Constitution. The court declined to exercise discretionary abstention because the case was not merely a facial attack on the constitutionality of a statute, but was mainly an applied challenge, requiring a hearing in order to develop the record, and because equal protection and due process were secured under the state and federal constitutions. The</p>			

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					<p>court held that the voters had a fundamental due process right created by Puerto Rico Election Law and suffered an equal protection violation in further violation of the U.S. Const. amend. I right to vote, thereby creating their total disenfranchisement. The court held that the evidence created an inference that the split ballots were not uniformly treated and that it was required to examine a mixed question of fact and constitutional law pursuant to federal</p>			

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					guidelines to determine whether potential over votes were invalid. The court asserted jurisdiction over the voters' claims.			
Woodruff v. Wyoming	United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit	49 Fed. Appx. 199; 2002 U.S. App. LEXIS 21060	October 7, 2002	Plaintiffs, pro se inmates, appealed from an order of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, dismissing their complaint brought under § 1983, challenging Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6--10-106, which denied them, as convicted felons, the right to vote. The district court dismissed the action for failure to state a claim upon which relief could	The inmates argued that the statute violated their Eighth Amendment right and their State constitutional right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment, their equal protection rights under the Fourteenth Amendment and State Constitution, and their federal and state rights to due process. One inmate had not paid the appellate filing fee or filed a	No	N/A	No

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				be granted and as frivolous.	motion to proceed on appeal without prepayment of costs or fees, and his appeal was dismissed. The court found that U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 2 had long been held to exclude felons from the right to vote. It could scarcely be unreasonable for a state to decide that perpetrators of serious crimes should not take part in electing the legislators who made the laws, the executives who enforced them, the prosecutors who tried the cases, or the judges who heard their cases.			

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					The court also found the dismissed suit constituted a "strike" under 28 U.S.C.S. § 1915(g), although the suit did not challenge prison conditions per se. One inmate's appeal was dismissed; the judgment dismissing the other's complaint was affirmed.			
N.J. State Conf.--NAACP v. Harvey	Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division	381 N.J. Super. 155; 885 A.2d 445; 2005 N.J. Super. LEXIS 316	November 2, 2005	The Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, dismissed a complaint filed by plaintiff interested parties to invalidate N.J. Stat. Ann. § 19:4--1(8) on the ground that it denied	The statute at issue prohibited all people on parole or probation for indictable offenses from voting. The interested parties alleged that the criminal justice system in New Jersey discriminated	No	N/A	No

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				<p>African--Americans and Hispanics equal protection of the law. Defendant, the New Jersey Attorney General, moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a claim, and said motion was granted. The interested parties then appealed.</p>	<p>against African-Americans and Hispanics, thereby disproportionately increasing their population among parolees and probationers and diluting their political power. As a result, the alleged that enforcement of the statute resulted in a denial of equal protection under the state Constitution. The appeals court disagreed. N.J. Const. art. II authorized the New Jersey Legislature to disenfranchise persons convicted of certain crimes from voting. Moreover, those</p>			

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					convicts could not vote unless pardoned or unless otherwise restored by law to the right of suffrage. The statute also limited the period of disenfranchisement during a defendant's actual service on parole or probation. Thus, it clearly complied with this specific constitutional mandate. The judgment was affirmed.			
King v. City of Boston	United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts	2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8421	May 13, 2004	Plaintiff inmate filed a motion for summary judgment in his action challenging the constitutionality of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1, which	The inmate was convicted of a felony and incarcerated. His application for an absentee ballot was denied on the ground that he was	No	N/A	No

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				<p>excluded incarcerated felons from voting while they were imprisoned.</p>	<p>not qualified to register and vote under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1. The inmate argued that the statute was unconstitutional as it applied to him because it amounted to additional punishment for crimes he committed before the statute's enactment and thus violated his due process rights and the prohibition against ex post facto laws and bills of attainder. The court held that the statute was regulatory and not punitive because rational choices</p>			

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					<p>were implicated in the statute's disenfranchisement of persons under guardianship, persons disqualified because of corrupt elections practices, persons under 18 years of age, as well as incarcerated felons. Specifically, incarcerated felons were disqualified during the period of their imprisonment when it would be difficult to identify their address and ensure the accuracy of their ballots. Therefore, the court concluded that Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1 did not violate the inmate's constitutional</p>			

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					rights. The court found the statute at issue to be constitutional and denied the inmate's motion for summary judgment.			
Southwest Voter Registration Educ. Project v. Shelley	United States District Court for the Central District of California	278 F. Supp. 2d 1131; 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14413	August 15, 2003	Plaintiffs, several groups, brought suit alleging that the proposed use of "punch-card" balloting machines in the California election would violate the United States Constitution and Voting Rights Act. Plaintiffs moved for an order delaying that election, scheduled for October 7, 2003, until such time as it could be conducted without use of punch--card	Plaintiffs claimed voters using punch-card machines would have a comparatively lesser chance of having their votes counted in violation of the Equal Protection Clause and the counties employing punch-card systems had greater minority populations thereby disproportionately disenfranchising and/or diluting the votes on the basis of race, in violation	No	N/A	No

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				machines.	of § 2 of the Voting Rights Act. While the court did not need to decide the res judicata issue at this juncture, there was ample reason to believe that plaintiffs would have had a difficult time overcoming it as they were seeking to establish the same constitutional violations alleged in prior litigation, but to secure an additional remedy. Plaintiffs failed to prove a likelihood of success on the merits with regard to both of their claims. Even if plaintiffs could show disparate			

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					<p>treatment, such would not have amounted to illegal or unconstitutional treatment. The balance of hardships weighed heavily in favor of allowing the election to proceed. The public interests in avoiding wholesale disenfranchisement, and/or not plunging the State into a constitutional crisis, weighed heavily against enjoining the election. Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction (consolidated with plaintiffs' ex parte application for</p>			

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					temporary restraining order) was denied.			
Igartua--de la Rosa v. United States	United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	417 F.3d 145; 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 15944	August 3, 2005	Plaintiff, a U.S. citizen residing in Puerto Rico, appealed from an order of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, that rejected his claim that he was deprived of the constitutional right to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, and was also violative of three treaty obligations of the United States.	The putative voter had brought the same claims twice before. The court pointed out that U.S. law granted to the citizens of states the right to vote for the slate of electors to represent that state. Although modern ballots omitted the names of the electors and listed only the candidates, and in form it appeared that the citizens were voting for President and Vice President directly, they were not, but were voting for electors.	No	N/A	No

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					<p>Puerto Rico was not a state, and had not been enfranchised as the District of Columbia had by the 23rd Amendment. The franchise for choosing electors was confined to "states" by the Constitution. The court declined to turn to foreign or treaty law as a source to reverse the political will of the country. The judgment of the district court was affirmed.</p>			

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United States v. Madden	United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit	403 F.3d 347; 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 5326	April 4, 2005	Defendant appealed his conviction for violating the federal vote--buying statute. He also appealed the sentence imposed by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky at Pikeville. The district court applied the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual (Guidelines) § 3B1.1(c) supervisory--role	Defendant paid three people to vote for a local candidate in a primary election. The same ballot contained candidates for the U.S. Senate. While he waived his right to appeal his conviction, he nonetheless asserted two arguments in seeking to avoid the waiver. He first posited that the vote buying statute prohibited only buying votes for federal candidates----a prohibition not	No	N/A	No

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				enhancement and increased defendant's base offense level by two levels.	violated by his conduct. In the alternative, he stated if the statute did criminalize buying votes for state or local candidates, then the statute was unconstitutional. Both arguments failed. Defendant argued that applying the supervisory--role enhancement constituted impermissible double counting because the supervision he exercised was no more than necessary to			

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					<p>establish a vote-buying offense. That argument also failed. Defendant next argued that the district court erred by applying the vulnerable-victim enhancement under U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 3A1.1(b)(1). He acknowledged that he knew the mentally ill people who sold their votes were vulnerable, but maintained they were not victims because they received \$50 for</p>			

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					<p>their votes. The vote sellers were not victims for Guidelines purposes. The district court erred. Defendant's appeal of conviction was dismissed. Defendant's sentence was vacated, and the case was remanded for resentencing.</p>			
United States v. Slone	United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit	411 F.3d 643; 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 10137	June 3, 2005	Defendant pled guilty to vote buying in a federal election. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of	Defendant offered to pay voters for voting in a primary election. Defendant claimed that the vote buying statute did not apply to him	No	N/A	No

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				<p>Kentucky sentenced defendant to 10 months in custody and recommended that the sentence be served at an institution that could accommodate defendant's medical needs. Defendant appealed his conviction and sentence.</p>	<p>because his conduct related solely to a candidate for a county office. Alternatively, defendant asserted that the statute was unconstitutional because it exceeded Congress' enumerated powers. Finally, defendant argued that the district court erred when it failed to consider his medical condition as a ground for a downward departure at sentencing. The</p>			

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					<p>appellate court found that the vote buying statute applied to all elections in which a federal candidate was on the ballot, and the government need not prove that defendant intended to affect the federal component of the election by his corrupt practices. The facts admitted by defendant at his guilty-plea hearing established all of the essential elements of an</p>			

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					<p>offense. The Elections Clause and the Necessary and Proper Clause combined to provide Congress with the power to regulate mixed federal and state elections even when federal candidates were running unopposed. There was no error in the district court's decision on departure under U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 5H1.4. Defendant's conviction and</p>			

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					sentence were affirmed.			
United States v. Smith	United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit	139 Fed. Appx. 681; 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 14855	July 18, 2005	Defendants were convicted of vote buying and conspiracy to buy votes. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky entered judgment on the jury verdict and sentenced defendants. Defendants appealed.	One of the defendants was a state representative who decided to run for an elected position. Defendants worked together and with others to buy votes. During defendants' trial, in addition to testimony regarding vote buying, evidence was introduced that two witnesses had been threatened. The appellate court found that defendants	No	N/A	No

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					<p>failed to show evidence of prejudice with regard to denial of the motion for severance. Threat evidence was not excludable under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) because it was admissible to show consciousness of guilt without any inference as to the character of defendants. Admission of witnesses' testimony was proper because each witness testified that he or she was approached by a</p>			

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					member of the conspiracy and offered money for his or her vote. The remaining incarcerated defendant's challenges to his sentence had merit because individuals who sold their votes were not "victims" for the purposes of U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 3A1.1. Furthermore, application of U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual § 3B1.1(b) violated			

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					<p>defendant's Sixth Amendment rights because it was based on facts that defendant did not admit or proved to the jury beyond a reasonable doubt. Defendants' convictions were affirmed. The remaining incarcerated defendant's sentence was vacated and his case was remanded for resentencing in accordance with Booker.</p>			
Nugent v. Phelps	Court of Appeal of	816 So. 2d 349; 2002	April 23, 2002	Plaintiff incumbent	The incumbent argued that: (1)	No	N/A	No

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	Louisiana, Second Circuit	La. App. LEXIS 1138		police chief sued defendant challenger, the winning candidate, to have the election nullified and a new election held based on numerous irregularities and unlawful activities by the challenger and his supporters. The challenger won the election by a margin of four votes. At the end of the incumbent's	the number of persons who were bribed for their votes by the challenger's worker was sufficient to change the outcome of the election; (2) the trial judge failed to inform potential witnesses that they could be given immunity from prosecution for bribery of voters if they came forth with truthful testimony; (3) the votes of three of his ardent supporters			

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				<p>case, the district court for the dismissed his suit. The incumbent appealed.</p>	<p>should have been counted because they were incarcerated for the sole purpose of keeping them from campaigning and voting; and (4) the district attorney, a strong supporter of the challenger, abused his power when he subpoenaed the incumbent to appear before the grand jury a week preceding the election. The appellate court held no more than two votes would be</p>			

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					<p>subtracted, a difference that would be insufficient to change the election result or make it impossible to determine. The appellate court found the trial judge read the immunity portion of the statute to the potential witnesses. The appellate court found the arrests of the three supporters were the result of grand jury indictments, and there was no manifest error in holding that the</p>			

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					incumbent failed to prove a scheme by the district attorney. The judgment of the trial court was affirmed.			
Eason v. State	Court of Appeals of Mississippi	2005 Miss. App. LEXIS 1017	December 13, 2005	Defendant appealed a decision of circuit court convicting him of one count of conspiracy to commit voter fraud and eight counts of voter fraud.	Defendant was helping with his cousin's campaign in a run--off election for county supervisor. Together, they drove around town, picking up various people who were either at congregating spots or their homes. Defendant would drive the voters to the clerk's office	No	N/A	No

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					<p>where they would vote by absentee ballot and defendant would give them beer or money. Defendant claimed he was entitled to a mistrial because the prosecutor advanced an impermissible "sending the message" argument. The court held that it was precluded from reviewing the entire context in which the argument arose because, while the prosecutor's closing</p>			

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					<p>argument was in the record, the defense counsel's closing argument was not. Also, because the prosecutor's statement was incomplete due to defense counsel's objection, the court could not say that the statement made it impossible for defendant to receive a fair trial.</p> <p>Furthermore, the trial judge did not abuse his discretion when he did not allow defendant</p>			

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					to ask the individual whether she wanted to see defendant go to prison because the individual's potential bias was shown by the individual's testimony that she expected the prosecution to recommend her sentence. The court affirmed defendant's conviction.			
United States v. Turner	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky	2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31709	November 30, 2005	Defendants were charged with committing mail fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud and	Defendants argued that recusal was mandated by 28 U.S.C.S. § 455(a) and (b)(1). The court found no merit in defendants'	No	N/A	No

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				<p>vote--buying. First defendant filed a motion to recuse. Second defendant's motion to join the motion to recuse was granted. First defendant moved to compel the Government to grant testimonial use immunity to second defendant and moved to sever defendants.</p>	<p>arguments. The fact that the judge's husband was the commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection, a position to which he was appointed by the Republican Governor, was not relevant. The judge's husband was neither a party nor a witness. The court further concluded that no reasonable person could find that the judge's spouse had any direct</p>			

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					<p>interest in the instant action. As for issue of money donated by the judge's husband to Republican opponents of first defendant, the court could not discern any reason why such facts warranted recusal. First defendant asserted that second defendant should have been granted use immunity based on a belief that second defendant would testify that first defendant did</p>			

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					<p>not agree to, possess knowledge of, engage in, or otherwise participate in any of the illegal activity alleged in the indictment. The court found the summary of expected testimony to be too general to grant immunity. In addition, it was far from clear whether the court had the power to grant testimonial use immunity to second defendant. Defendants' motion to recuse</p>			

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					was denied. First defendant's motions to compel and to sever were denied.			

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Ways v. Shively	Supreme Court of Nebraska	264 Neb. 250; 646 N.W.2d 621; 2002 Neb. LEXIS 158	July 5, 2002	Appellant felon filed a writ of mandamus, which sought to compel appellee Election Commissioner of Lancaster County, Nebraska, to permit him to register to vote. The District Court for Lancaster County denied the felon's petition for writ of mandamus and dismissed the petition. The felon appealed.	The felon was discharged from the Nebraska State Penitentiary in June 1998 after completing his sentences for the crimes of pandering, carrying a concealed weapon and attempting to possess a controlled substance. The commissioner asserted that as a result of the felon's conviction, the sentence for which had neither been reversed nor annulled, he had lost his right to vote. The commissioner contended that the	No	N/A	No

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					<p>only method by which the felon's right to vote could be restored was through a warrant of discharge issued by the Nebraska Board of Pardons-- -a warrant of discharge had not been issued. The supreme court ruled that the certificate of discharge issued to the felon upon his release did not restore his right to vote. The supreme court ruled that as a matter of law, the specific right to vote was not restored to the felon upon his discharge from incarceration at the</p>			

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					completion of his sentences. The judgment was affirmed.			
Fischer v. Governor	Supreme Court of New Hampshire	145 N.H. 28; 749 A.2d 321; 2000 N.H. LEXIS 16	March 24, 2000	Appellant State of New Hampshire challenged a ruling of the superior court that the felon disenfranchisement statutes violate N.H. Const. pt. I, Art. 11.	Appellee was incarcerated at the New Hampshire State Prison on felony convictions. When he requested an absentee ballot to vote from a city clerk, the request was denied. The clerk sent him a copy of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 607(A)(2) (1986), which prohibits a felon from voting "from the time of his sentence until his final discharge." The trial court declared the disenfranchisement	No	N/A	No

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					<p>statutes unconstitutional and ordered local election officials to allow the plaintiff to vote. Appellant State of New Hampshire challenged this ruling. The central issue was whether the felon disenfranchisement statutes violated N.H. Const. pt. I, art. 11. After a review of the article, its constitutional history, and legislation pertinent to the right of felons to vote, the court concluded that the legislature retained the authority under</p>			

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					<p>the article to determine voter qualifications and that the felon disenfranchisement statutes were a reasonable exercise of legislative authority, and reversed. Judgment reversed because the court concluded that the legislature retained its authority under the New Hampshire Constitution to determine voter qualifications and that the felon disenfranchisement statutes were a reasonable exercise of legislative</p>			

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					authority.			
Mixon v. Commonwealth	Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania	759 A.2d 442; 2000 Pa. Commw. LEXIS 534	September 18, 2000	Respondents filed objections to petitioners' complaint seeking declaratory relief as to the unconstitutionality of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 2600 -- 3591, and the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, 25 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 961.101--961.5109, regarding felon voting rights.	Petitioner convicted felons were presently or had formerly been confined in state prison. Petitioner elector was currently registered to vote in respondent state. Petitioners filed a complaint against respondent state seeking declaratory relief challenging as unconstitutional, state election and voting laws that excluded confined felons from the definition of qualified absentee electors and that barred a felon who had been released	No	N/A	No

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					<p>from a penal institution for less than five years from registering to vote. Respondents filed objections to petitioners' complaint. The court sustained respondents' objection that incarcerated felons were not unconstitutionally deprived of qualified absentee elector status because respondent state had broad power to determine the conditions under which suffrage could be exercised. However, petitioner elector had no standing</p>			

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					and the court overruled objection as to deprivation of ex--felon voting rights. The court sustained respondents' objection since incarcerated felons were not unconstitutionally deprived of qualified absentee elector status and petitioner elector had no standing, but objection that ex--incarcerated felons' voting rights were deprived was overruled since status penalized them.			
NAACP Philadelphia	United States District Court	2000 U.S.	August 14, 2000	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary	Plaintiffs, ex--felon,	No	N/A	No

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Branch v. Ridge	for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania	Dist. LEXIS 11520		injunction, which the parties agreed to consolidate with the merits determination for a permanent injunction, in plaintiffs' civil rights suit contending that the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, offended the Equal Protection Clause of U.S. Const. amend. XIV.	unincorporated association, and others, filed a civil rights suit against defendant state and local officials, contending that the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, violated the Equal Protection Clause by prohibiting some ex--felons from voting during the five year period following their release from prison, while permitting other ex--felons to vote. Plaintiffs conceded that one plaintiff lacked standing, and the court assumed the remaining			

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					<p>plaintiffs had standing. The court found that all that all three of the special circumstances necessary to invoke the Pullman doctrine were present in the case, but found that abstention was not appropriate under the circumstances since it did not agree with plaintiffs' contention that the time constraints caused by the upcoming election meant that the option of pursuing their claims in state court did not offer plaintiffs an adequate remedy.</p>			

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					Plaintiff's motion for permanent injunction denied; the court abstained from deciding merits of plaintiffs' claims under the Pullman doctrine because all three of the special circumstances necessary to invoke the doctrine were present in the case; all further proceedings stayed until further order.			
Farrakhan v. Locke	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington	2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22212	December 1, 2000	Plaintiffs, convicted felons who were also racial minorities, sued defendants for alleged violations of the Voting Rights Act. The parties filed cross-motions for	The felons alleged that Washington's felon disenfranchisement and restoration of civil rights schemes, premised upon Wash. Const. art. VI § 3, resulted in the denial of the	No	N/A	No

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				summary judgment.	right to vote to racial minorities in violation of the VRA. They argued that race bias in, or the discriminatory effect of, the criminal justice system resulted in a disproportionate number of racial minorities being disenfranchised following felony convictions. The court concluded that Washington's felon disenfranchisement provision disenfranchised a disproportionate number of minorities; as a result, minorities were under--represented in			

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					<p>Washington's political process. The Rooker--Feldman doctrine barred the felons from bringing any as--applied challenges, and even if it did not bar such claims, there was no evidence that the felons' individual convictions were born of discrimination in the criminal justice system. However, the felons' facial challenge also failed. The remedy they sought would create a new constitutional problem, allowing disenfranchisement of white</p>			

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					felons. Further, the felons did not establish a causal connection between the disenfranchisement provision and the prohibited result. The court granted defendants' motion and denied the felons' motion for summary judgment.			
Johnson v. Bush	United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida	214 F. Supp. 2d 1333; 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14782	July 18, 2002	Plaintiff felons sued defendant state officials for alleged violations of their constitutional rights. The officials moved and the felons cross-moved for summary judgment.	The felons had all successfully completed their terms of incarceration and/or probation, but their civil rights to register and vote had not been restored. They alleged that Florida's disenfranchisement	No	N/A	No

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					<p>law violated their rights under First, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Twenty--Fourth Amendments to the United States Constitution, as well as § 1983 and §§ 2 and 10 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Each of the felons' claims was fatally flawed. The felons' exclusion from voting did not violate the Equal Protection or Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution. The First Amendment did not guarantee felons the right to vote. Although there was evidence</p>			

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					<p>that racial animus was a factor in the initial enactment of Florida's disenfranchisement law, there was no evidence that race played a part in the re-enactment of that provision. Although it appeared that there was a disparate impact on minorities, the cause was racially neutral. Finally, requiring the felons to pay their victim restitution before their rights would be restored did not constitute an improper poll tax or wealth qualification. The court granted the</p>			

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					officials' motion for summary judgment and implicitly denied the felons' motion. Thus, the court dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice.			
King v. City of Boston	United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts	2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8421	May 13, 2004	Plaintiff inmate filed a motion for summary judgment in his action challenging the constitutionality of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1, which excluded incarcerated felons from voting while they were imprisoned.	The inmate was convicted of a felony and incarcerated. His application for an absentee ballot was denied on the ground that he was not qualified to register and vote under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1. The inmate argued that the statute was unconstitutional as it applied to him because it amounted to	No	N/A	No