

Lawyer Files Lawsuit Contesting Florida Presidential Election

Orlando attorney Clint Curtis, after receiving reports of voting irregularities, filed a lawsuit Friday seeking to contest the November 8, 2016 vote in Florida.

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On Friday, December 2, 2016, Florida joined the list of states where voters have contested the results of the presidential election and requested a hand recount of the paper ballots. Filed in the 2nd Circuit Court in Leon County, FL, by attorneys from Clint Curtis & Associates, the complaint asserts that if the presidential votes had been counted properly, Hillary Clinton would have prevailed in Florida and received its twenty-nine Electoral Votes. In support of this contention, the lawsuit makes a number of allegations that call into question

the integrity of the vote count—malfunctioning of election voting equipment, legal voters being turned away at the polls, requested absentee ballots that were never mailed, and even Donald Trump's assertion that tens of thousands of illegal votes were counted. The allegations are supported both by voter complaints and by affidavits by some of the nation's leading computer scientists with expertise in electronic voting systems.

The complaint states that large and persistent disparities between official results and projections by opinion polling, exit polls, and predictive turnout models also cast suspicion on the reliability of the results. Going into Election Day, all these sources confidently predicted that Hillary Clinton would win Florida by a margin of approximately half-a-million votes. Real-time estimates based on actual turnout continued to project Clinton as the winner throughout the day on Election Day. These kinds of disparities have historically been cited to challenge the results of elections—both here in the U.S. and abroad.

The complaint also asserts that the number of uncounted, or invalid, votes in Florida's 2016 presidential race more than doubled compared to 2008 and 2012, based on official reports by the Florida Dept. of State. More than 160,000 Florida voters in 2016 did not have their vote in the presidential race counted. Election experts consider such excessive invalid vote rates as markers for election problems, such as equipment malfunctions, human error, or possible tampering.

Even more startling was the revelation that one of Florida's main election vendors was attacked by hackers prior to the election. This vendor provides election services, including the electronic voter identification system, voter database management, and turnout reporting, to 63 of Florida's 67 counties. The complaint asks that the voter databases and electronic poll books be impounded to preserve evidence.

The complaint was filed Friday, Dec. 2, by attorney Sylvain R. Robitaille, the managing Florida partner

of Clint Curtis & Associates, (407) 384-3120, law@clintcurtis.com. (The complaint was filed electronically so a docket number is not yet available).

Clint Curtis, founding partner of Clint Curtis & Associates, said, "This is an election where pretty much everyone knew what the results were going to be – except they were completely the opposite. If we can't get a real count of the votes for this election, then we have lost our democracy. We will never be able to challenge a close election again."

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