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Executive Summary

Election worker shortages have reached “[historic highs](#)” since the last presidential election and states across the country are struggling to recruit enough workers to be on hand in the upcoming election. It is estimated that the country [needs](#) as many as one million workers.

To further alleviate the shortage, [both](#) Democrats and Republicans are organizing their own supporters to ensure election integrity. Democrats’ voter protection [program](#) is focused on several states, including the battleground states, and will have hundreds volunteers and thousands of poll watchers on hand for Election Day. On the other side, Republicans have [launched](#) a massive “Protect the Vote” initiative that will also be focused on swing states to ensure a fair electoral process where all votes are counted.

A recent review by Bloomberg has [found](#) that there are at least 165 lawsuits filed over the past two years, with most being filed in seven states that show the closest race between Harris and Trump. Both parties have tapped high-profile lawyers to spearhead these legal efforts.

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Democrats’ Voter Protection Program Has Focused On Having Volunteers And Poll Monitors To Ensure Election Integrity Ahead After The 2024 Presidential Election

- The Democrats’ voter protection program [serves](#) as the “eyes and ears of the legal team to help counter any false claims of fraud or malfeasance.” The program has more than 100 staff, as well as hundreds of volunteers and thousands of poll monitors. The focus of the program is in the eight battleground states as well as Florida, Virginia, Minnesota and Maine.
- Following the November election, the program will [focus](#) on “absentee ballot chase-and-cure programs” and assist voters whose ballots were rejected. It will also seek to “rebut any claims that seek to challenge certification in a state.”
- Democrats are involved in dozens of election lawsuits and have “[hundreds of lawyers](#)” on call, including high-profile election attorneys Marc Elias and Bob Bauer to battle what they call “disinformation” ahead of the upcoming election. Elias is also [focused](#) on the post-electoral recount strategy.

- Democrat Strategists Jim Messina, Norm Eisen and TJ Ducklo [launched](#) in August 2024 the Democracy Defenders PAC to support the “legal efforts and election protection” after Election Day.

Democrats Are Utilizing ‘Lawfare’ To Undermine Election Integrity

- Democrats are “[boasting](#)” that they have won nine out ten election-related lawsuits.
- The Ohio Democratic Party has [sought](#) to undermine a directive allowing people to assist voters with disabilities at ballot drop boxes.
- Democrats have filed suit in [Georgia](#) to block a post-election rule requiring election officials to conduct a “reasonable inquiry” prior to certifying results.

Republicans Have Launched The ‘Protect The Vote Initiative’ With The Goal Of Restoring Faith In Elections And Ensuring That All Votes Are Counted

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 - The [plan](#) is to recruit 100,000 volunteers that will “observe every step of the election process.” The initiative is [focused](#) on recruiting poll workers from the suburbs to monitor the voting processes in cities.
- In March 2024, the RNC [brought](#) in a number of lawyers to focus on election fraud. These lawyers include well-known election and Trump lawyers Charlie Spies, Christina Bobb and Bill McGinley.
 - According to [Reuters](#), the RNC is “involved in more than 120 lawsuits across 26 states” with the goal of making sure that votes are not cast illegally.
- Republican attorney Harmeet Dhillon has been [dispatched](#) to Arizona to run the state’s election integrity program. Dhillon will be in charge of leading the electoral legal battles and lead “Protect the Vote” efforts.

Republicans Are Working To Maintain Integrity In The Upcoming Election And Rather Than Change Rules, Demand States Enforce Those Already On The Books

- The GOP is actively [challenging](#) state election laws in battleground states and are [behind](#) the “bulk of pre-election litigation.”
- In [Michigan](#), the GOP has sued the state to reject ballots cast by U.S. citizens who have never lived in the country. Alleging that the counting of those votes violates the Michigan constitution as voters must have lived in the state for six months and meet local residence laws. Voter rolls and absentee ballot signature match guidance have also been challenged. The party also [recently](#) won a [lawsuit](#) against Detroit that the city hasn’t hired enough Republican poll workers.
- In [North Carolina](#), the GOP has sued the state’s Board of Elections over its voter rolls as the state failed to require identification to prove citizenship, which [amounts](#) to “opening the door for non-citizens to vote.” The party also successfully [sued](#) the state’s Elections Board over the use of digital student IDs as a valid form of identification.
- In [Arizona](#), the state GOP sued its Democratic Governor over two executive orders that would expand voter registration and access to mail-ballot drop-off locations.
- In [Georgia](#), GOP lawyers successfully blocked the extension of the voter registration deadline.

- In Philadelphia, Republican efforts to ensure ballot reconciliation were [successful](#) after the city's election board reversed its decision and reinstated the process in order to ensure double votes were flagged.
- The GOP has [filed](#) suit against Racine, Wisconsin for failing to hire republican poll workers, which it alleged the city only hired 8 of 55 Republican election inspectors. In Wisconsin, it's liberal Supreme Court has [allowed](#) the use of ballot drop boxes that may not be properly secured.
- After finding that there were thousands of non-voters on Nevada's voter rolls, the GOP has [sued](#) the state of allowing non-citizens to register to vote.

Poll Worker And Election Official Shortages Continues To Be A Problem Across The Country

- According to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the nation [needs](#) "as many as a million poll workers" ahead of the 2024 presidential election. [The Wall Street Journal](#) has reported that "poll work is in crisis."
- Data has shown that election worker turnover has reached [historic](#) highs going into the 2024 election. According to the [Bipartisan Policy Center](#), "election workers nationwide are leaving their jobs at a rate that is at its highest in decades" and turnover "is happening across all parts of the country." A CBS News [investigation](#) has found that since the last presidential election, 36% of election officials have chosen to retire or quit.
- A poll worker shortage can [result](#) in "increasing the risk of errors that could cause difficulties for voters, disenfranchise their votes, and ignite disputes over results."
- There are numerous states seeking poll workers to address the shortage. Battleground states, including [Nevada](#) and [Pennsylvania](#) are struggling to fill their election needs. Other states, such as [Louisiana](#), [Kentucky](#), [West Virginia](#), and [South Carolina](#) are seeking more poll workers.
- According to a February 2024 report by [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), 58 officials spread across 43 counties in the state have left since the last presidential election and the state has 293 years of experience among top county election officials.
- To help fill the nationwide poll worker shortage, We the Veterans and Military Families has [sought](#) to fill the ranks. The group was formed after the January 6 protest at the U.S. Capitol. In 2022, the group launched the Vote the Vet initiative in 2022 to promote civic engagement and confidence in elections after integrity election concerns rose after the 2020 presidential election. The group recruited more than 63,500 volunteers in the 2022 midterms and has set a 100,000 goal for the 2024 elections.
- To further address the poll worker shortage, election officials throughout the country are [seeking](#) out local high schools to address the poll worker shortage.

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