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Texas Sues 4 Battleground States at SCOTUS to Block "Tainted" Votes from Being Counted

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Tuesday sued the battleground states of Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, and Wisconsin, challenging their 2020 election results, which the suit alleges were achieved due to "unconstitutionally" revised state election statutes.

"Using the COVID-19 pandemic as a justification, government officials in the defendant states of Georgia, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (collectively, 'Defendant States'), usurped their legislatures' authority and unconstitutionally revised their state's election statutes," reads the <u>suit</u>, which, because it involves one state suing another, has original jurisdiction in the U.S. Supreme Court.



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"They accomplished these statutory revisions through executive fiat or friendly lawsuits, thereby weakening ballot integrity," Paxton added, and went on to call on the high court to "declare that any electoral college votes cast by such presidential electors appointed in Defendant States Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, and Wisconsin are in violation of the Electors Clause and the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and cannot be counted."

The four states in question are ones in which the Trump legal team has been working to expose voter fraud, arguing that fraudulent ballots were responsible for transforming alleged Trump leads into wins for former Vice President Joe Biden.

The election "suffered from significant and unconstitutional irregularities in the Defendant States," the filing says, citing the "appearance of voting irregularities in the Defendant States that would be consistent with the unconstitutional relaxation of ballot-integrity protections in those States' election laws."

The lawsuit comes less than a week before the December 14 deadline by which states must submit their presidential electors — a deadline Paxton said the Supreme Court should push back.

"That deadline, however, should not cement a potentially illegitimate election result in the middle of this storm," attorneys for Texas wrote in the filing.

Georgia election officials dismissed Paxton's accusations. "The allegations in the lawsuit are false and irresponsible," Georgia's deputy secretary of state, Jordan Fuchs, said in a statement Tuesday. "Texas alleges that there are 80,000 forged signatures on absentee ballots in Georgia, but they don't bring forward a single person who this happened to. That's because it didn't happen."

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Georgia's election results were recertified on Monday by Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger after a recount.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, an anti-Trump Democrat, called Paxton's suit "a publicity stunt, not a serious legal pleading."

"Mr. Paxton's actions are beneath the dignity of the office of Attorney General and the people of the great state of Texas," she said.

The *Texas Tribune* <u>notes</u> of the filing:

Notably, Paxton himself is listed as the agency's lead attorney on the case — a highly unusual role for the state official, who rarely plays a hands-on role even in the state's major cases. Paxton's new chief deputy, Brent Webster, signed onto the filing, but conspicuously absent is the agency's top lawyer for appellate work, Solicitor General Kyle Hawkins, who typically argues the state's cases before the Supreme Court and did so as recently as last month. None of Hawkins' deputies is listed as contributing to the case, nor are any of the agency's hundreds of other attorneys.

The agency instead appears to have hired an outside attorney, Lawrence Joseph, to contribute to the case.

Paxton argued that the Supreme Court should hear the case because "Individual state courts do not — and under the circumstance of contested elections in multiple states, cannot — offer an adequate remedy to resolve election disputes within the timeframe set by the Constitution to resolve such disputes and to appoint a President via the electoral college. No court — other than this Court — can redress constitutional injuries spanning multiple States with the sufficient number of states joined as defendants or respondents to make a difference in the Electoral College."

While Democrats and the mainstream media continue to parrot the talking point that there is no proof of voter fraud in the 2020 election, the <u>list of evidence</u> is, in reality, very long now.

In Arizona, for example, 44 percent of people reached by phone said they had not requested a mail-in ballot, yet the state received a completed ballot in their name. It is alleged that 86,845 mail-in ballots were lost, and 219,135 more were fraudulently recorded for voters who never requested mail-in ballots.

In Georgia, at least 96,000 absentee ballots were requested and counted but were never recorded as having been returned to the county election boards by the voter. Moreover, a Democrat affiant testified he had seen "absentee ballots for Trump inserted into Biden's stack, and counted as Biden votes."

In Michigan, individuals who had already voted by absentee ballot were allowed to vote again in person. In addition, 12,120 Michigan voters in the 2020 general election had previously moved out of state, and were thus ineligible.

Constitutionalists, especially in red states, would do well to press their leaders to take similar action to Texas' attorney general.



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