Voting rights suits heating up

Voter purges, ID rules top the list.

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VOTING RIGHTS litigation has been heating up around the country as fast as the presidential campaign, with challenges attacking state restrictions on voter registration, purging of voter rolls and identification requirements.

In Florida, Georgia, Michigan, New Mexico and Wisconsin, packs of lawyers have pushed to beat the November election to resolve or enjoin lingering disputes over voter registration checks mandated in the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), or address a host of other claims.

Lawsuits generally fall into two broad camps: allegations of improper restrictions on voting, or improper registration of ineligible voters.

Also, lawsuits in Alabama and Washington have asked

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