

Pennsylvania Legal Protections from Election Subversion and Voter Suppression

Numerous federal and state laws guard against attempts by election deniers to intimidate voters or election workers. Laws also detail what poll workers and election observers can and can't do.

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The [election denial movement](#) [\[link-1\]](#), fueled by false claims of fraud in 2020, has spurred efforts that are ostensibly to maintain the integrity of elections but in reality threaten to suppress the vote and interfere with proper election administration. Their tactics include attempts to [intimidate voters or election workers](#) [\[link-2\]](#). They also

encompass [baseless challenges](#) [\[link-3\]](#) to voter eligibility, either through mass filings ahead of Election Day or individual challenges at polling places.

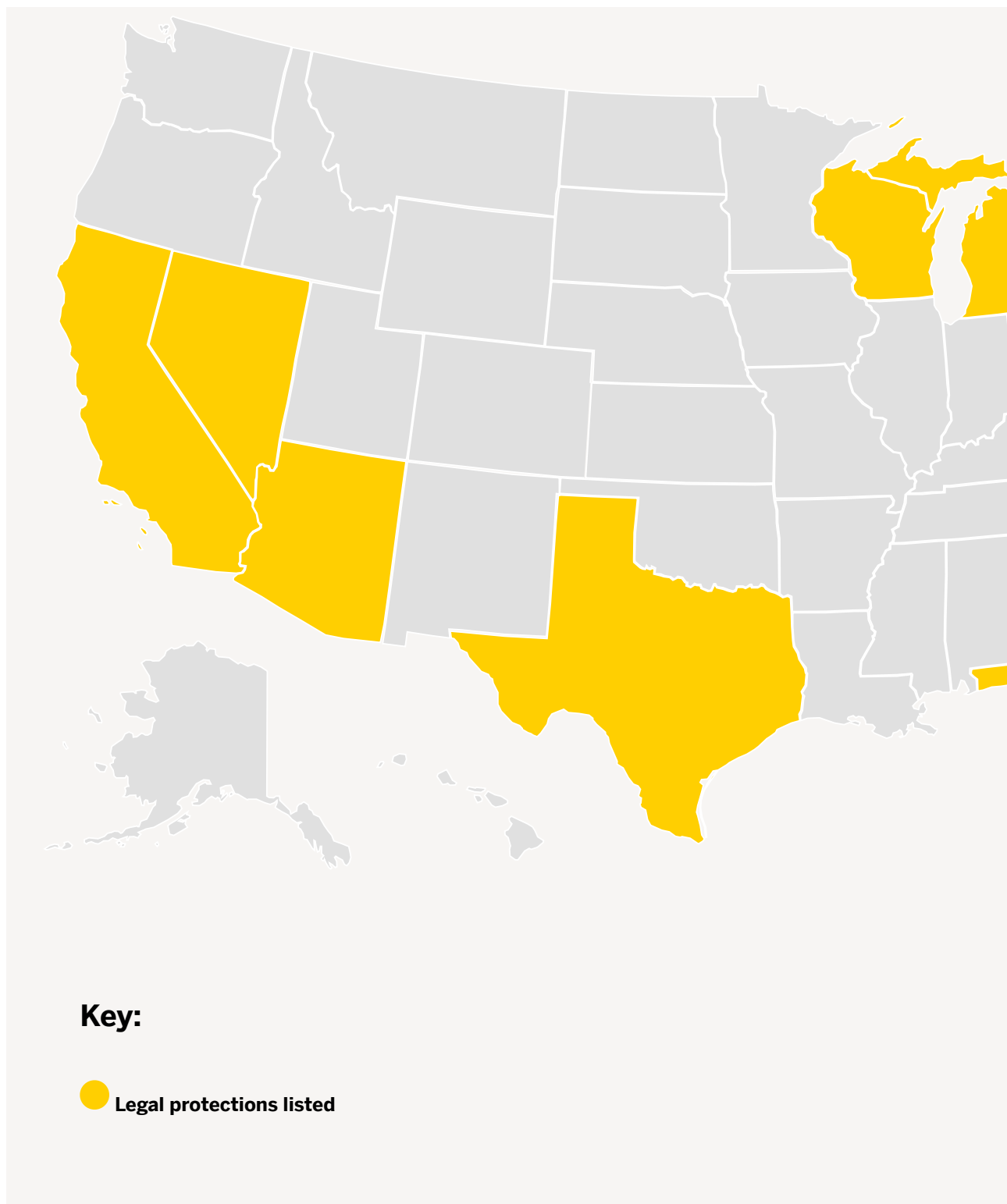
Election denier groups have also called on their adherents to sign up to be [poll workers](#) [\[link-4\]](#) or [election](#)

[observers](#) [\[link-5\]](#) to carry out these actions.

The Brennan Center has created resources detailing the federal and state laws that protect democracy

and the right to vote from such efforts, with a focus on the rules in battleground states. This page covers Pennsylvania, and resources for other states are [here](#) [\[link-6\]](#) .

Election Integrity Resources for Select States



Additional Resources

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[How Poll Watchers Can Help or](#)

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link-1: election denial movement <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-deniers-playbook-2024>

link-2: intimidate voters or election workers <https://www.brennancenter.org/series/laws-protecting-voters-and-election-workers-intimidation>

link-3: baseless challenges <https://www.brennancenter.org/series/limits-voter-eligibility-challenges>

link-4: poll workers <https://www.brennancenter.org/series/poll-worker-rules-and-constraints>

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link-6: here <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/legal-protections-election-subversion-and-voter-suppression>

link-7: Pennsylvania: Protections Against Intimidation of Voters and Election Workers </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-protections-against-intimidation-voters-and-election-workers>

link-8: Resource </search?langcode=en&type=resource>

link-9: Read More about Pennsylvania: Protections Against Intimidation of Voters and Election Workers </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-protections-against-intimidation-voters-and-election-workers>

link-10: Pennsylvania Election Certification Processes and Guardrails </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-election-certification-processes-and-guardrails>

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link-13: Pennsylvania Election Observers: Rules and Constraints </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-election-observers-rules-and-constraints>

link-14: Andrew Garber </experts/andrew-garber>

link-15: Justin Lam </about/staff/justin-lam>

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link-17: Read More about Pennsylvania Election Observers: Rules and Constraints </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-election-observers-rules-and-constraints>

link-18: Pennsylvania: Limits on Voter Eligibility Challenges </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-limits-voter-eligibility-challenges>

link-19: Alice Clapman </experts/alice-clapman>

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link-22: Pennsylvania Election Officers: Rules and Constraints </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-election-officers-rules-and-constraints>

link-23: Lauren Miller Karalunas </experts/lauren-miller-karalunas>

link-24: Resource </search?langcode=en&type=resource>

link-25: Read More about Pennsylvania Election Officers: Rules and Constraints </our-work/research-reports/pennsylvania-election-officers-rules-and-constraints>

link-26: Guide to Laws Against Intimidation of Voters and Election Workers <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/guide-laws-against-intimidation-voters-and-election-workers>

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link-28: How Poll Watchers Can Help or Hinder Fair Elections <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/how-poll-watchers-can-help-or-hinder-fair-elections>

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