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Maryland analysis finds dirty dealing in Baltimore

A separate group of activists has also found irregularities in Maryland's largest city, Baltimore.

Lewis Porter is a Maryland resident who in 2013 started Maryland-20-20 Watch, a watchdog organization concerned with upholding the integrity of Maryland's voting rolls. Specifically, the group has requested ballot data from the city of Baltimore, which is Maryland's largest voting district with a whopping 296 precincts.

The State Board of Elections took more than 75 days to respond to an open records request seeking ballot information on the April 26 primary election,

"They're supposed to respond within 30 days and give you an idea of when they can comply, in a timely manner," he said. "And they didn't do any of that."

He said he had to contact the attorney general's office to get the Board of Elections to respond to his request. When they did, what he found shocked him.

Porter says widespread irregularities were found, especially with so-called provincial ballots, which are ballots cast by voters outside of their home precincts.

"They stuff the ballot box with provincial ballots," he said.

The state has very clear rules, set by law, on how provincial ballots are to be treated. They are supposed to be stored in a secure place and only opened and reviewed after the election, when a panel decides if they are to be accepted or rejected.

He said many voting sites in the city opened the paper ballots and placed them in the counting machine.

"Some of the precincts reported 100 percent turnout, which is insane. In Baltimore, there are 296 precincts, and we think this is part of the problem, an over-abundance of precincts per capita. So we tabulated and divided it out and put the pieces back together, and what we found out was that certain precincts had an extreme number of errors."

The most egregious errors were found in one precinct where Maryland 20-20 found a 57 percent error rate, meaning for every 100 ballots that were entered for a tabulation, 57 contained irregularities.

"This was the highest. The next highest precinct was 41 percent, and another had 28 percent and down from there. There were 10 or 11 precincts that had corruption rates of 10 percent or higher, he said.

Nearly 80 percent of the precincts had at least a 1 percent error rate, Maryland 20-20 reported.

"The explanation was the poll workers didn't know that they were not supposed to be opening these provincial ballots and counting them until after the election," Porter said. "It's over-the-top ridiculous. The law is written. It's clear. You're supposed to fill out the provincial ballot, fold it over. It's put into a bag, and it's supposed to be put in locked storage and not touched again until after the election. The bags were just sitting out in the open, unlocked."

Maryland 20-20 contends that these ballots were not only open and counted but they also destroyed ballots in some precincts.

“They either entered and counted these provincial ballots when they shouldn’t have or they could not explain the absence of a paper ballot,” Porter said. “The mainstream media have not spoken on this issue in Maryland.”

Porter said he’s been going around speaking to groups about his findings. When he asks his audiences what level of tainted ballots would be acceptable, he inevitably is told “zero.”

“The bottom line is, when I ask how many inconsistencies or irregularities are acceptable, everyone says ‘zero.’ They are supposed to give an explanation for these irregularities, and they cannot explain it. Baltimore city rules Maryland’s votes because of its corrupted elections. It does it for the presidential elections, for senators, some of the congressional elections. It all goes into a corrupted process. At a minimum, we’re saying it’s unexplained inconsistencies. The contamination rate is way too high.”

“All of the driver’s licenses, voter registration forms, financial aid forms, everything, it’s just ‘check, check, check,’” said Ann Corcoran, another immigration watchdog in Maryland who blogs at Refugee Resettlement Watch.

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