



DEPLOYING ICE TO POLLING PLACES VIOLATES THE LAW

Federal law is clear: All Federal law enforcement and military personnel are barred from polling places.

18 U.S.C. § 592 prohibits the deployment of armed Federal military or law enforcement officers to polling places:

Whoever, being an officer of the Army or Navy, or other person in the civil, military, or naval service of the United States, orders, brings, keeps, or has under his authority or control any troops or armed men at any place where a general or special election is held, unless such force be necessary to repel armed enemies of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; and be disqualified from holding any office of honor, profit, or trust under the United States.

18 U.S.C. § 594 prohibits voter intimidation in general:

Whoever intimidates, threatens, coerces, or attempts to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of such other person to vote . . . shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

18 U.S.C. § 595 prohibits government employees acting in their official capacities from interfering in Federal elections:

Whoever, being a person employed in any administrative position by the United States, or by any department or agency thereof . . . or by any State . . . in connection with any activity which is financed in whole or in part by loans or grants made by the United States . . . uses his official authority for the purpose of interfering with, or affecting, the nomination or the election of any candidate for the office . . . shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Violations of Federal or State election laws prohibiting armed agents at polling places or voter intimidation should be reported immediately to local election officials. Violations may also be reported to the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español/English), 888-API-VOTE (Asian languages/English), 844-YALLA-US (Arabic/English).