

Voting Rights Resources for Educator Activists

In 2013, the Supreme Court struck down the most important part of the Voting Rights Act—the requirement that states with the worst histories of voting discrimination, like Alabama, approve voting changes with the federal government. Congress can restore this key portion of the Voting Rights Act, but as yet, it has failed to do so. “The biggest tribute we can give the heroes of Selma is to fully restore the Voting Rights Act,” says Congresswoman Terri Sewell, who was born and raised in Selma and now represents Alabama’s 7th District.

What’s more, 21 states have now passed laws making it more difficult to vote. In particular, these laws make it more difficult for people who do not have a government-authorized photo ID—the elderly, the poor, students, Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities—to vote. This wave of voter suppression was instigated by the rightwing, corporate-funded American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and enacted by rightwing-Republican controlled legislatures and governors after the 2010 elections.

If you want to fight voter suppression and support voter registration, here are some websites to help you to do just that:

- ☑ **Rock the Vote—Democracy Class**
<http://www.rockthevote.com/get-involved/democracy-class/>
- ☑ **Fair Elections Legal Network**
<http://www.fairelectionsnetwork.com/>
- ☑ **Campus Vote Project**
<http://campusvoteproject.org/>
- ☑ **The Bus Project**
<http://busproject.org/>
- ☑ **Election Protection**
<http://www.866ourvote.org/>
- ☑ **Brennan Center for Justice—Voting Rights & Elections**
<https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/voting-rights-elections>
- ☑ **Project Vote**
<http://www.projectvote.org/>