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Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Ritchie

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Persons eligible to vote in Minnesota, and organizations representing such persons, brought action against various Minnesota state and county officials challenging the process by which the officials confirmed the eligibility of election day registrants (EDRs), and a provision of the Minnesota Constitution denying the right of persons under guardianship to vote, as well as the sufficiency of notice afforded to such persons under certain Minnesota statutes.

The Court of Appeals held that:

- Plaintiffs failed to state a § 1983 claim challenging the Minnesota election procedure;
- Plaintiffs lacked standing to challenge provision of Minnesota Constitution denying the right of persons under guardianship to vote; and
- Plaintiffs lacked standing to challenge the adequacy of notice afforded by Minnesota's statutory procedures for adjudicating wards' voting rights.