

CHAPTER 15

VOTING RIGHTS

“A man without a vote is a man without protection” Generally attributed to President Lyndon Baines Johnson



**SECURE AND PROTECT YOUR
RIGHT TO VOTE**

Your vote matters; however, strategies are currently in place nationwide to interfere with your ability to have your vote count. Over the past decade this has been an all-out campaign by the Republicans to limit voting rights of minorities, young voters and elderly Americans. This is being done through the actions of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

This group, formed by billionaires and others, provides “canned bills” wherein state legislators can merely fill in the blank with the name of their state and file accordingly to “get it done.” The public is generally unaware of this ongoing and pervasive nationwide scheme designed to severely limit voting rights of democratically inclined voters, and perpetuate an ongoing plan to make state legislatures the working arm of the billionaire class.

Although ALEC has presented itself as a transparent organization, designed to provide models for various types of legislation, it is nothing more than the tool of right wing conservative activists to eliminate the effectiveness of government programs for anyone other than the billionaire class.

In order to stop individual states from interfering with your voting rights, I propose a federal voting rights law that requires the following:

- 1) All registered voters will receive mail-in ballots;
- 2) There will be 30 days of on location early voting.
- 3) Same day registration at all voting locations.
- 4) And no requirement for a government issued ID.

This way all citizens—including you—will have the best opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

