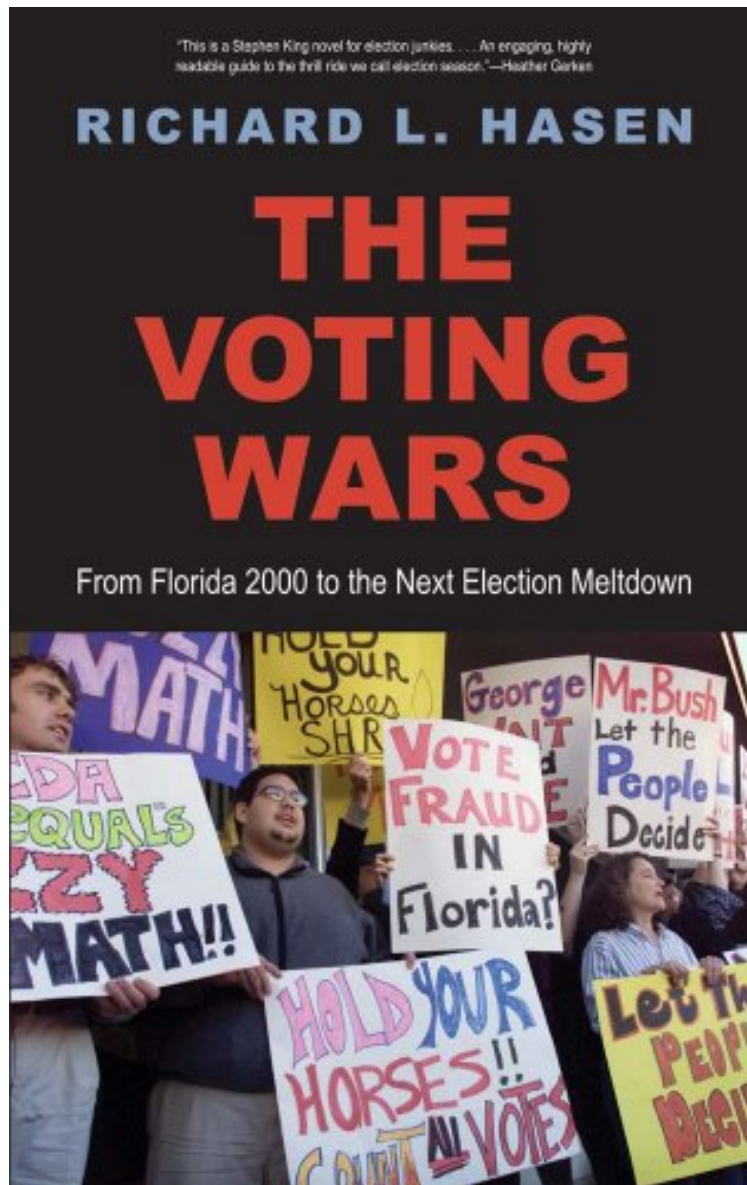


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a bit of a human element to the legal marshland that is election law. I believe this book would be fascinating even if I was not a law student (though, I should disclose that it is nearly impossible to imagine a life without law school and, therefore, impossible to really say what I would be interested in without it). I firmly believe that all Americans should try to understand our election system and this book is the closest I have come to achieving that goal for myself. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Take my Secretary of State and partisan State Board of Elections out of the voting system. By Eleanor In his preface, Richard L. Hasen, hands us this: "The legitimacy of democratic government itself depends on faith in the rules for casting and counting votes, and in the fairness with which these rules are followed and enforced." Our system of voting and how we barely get by election after election manipulated by our elected officials enduring voter suppression to gerrymandering, missing ballots. Where are the voters in the scheme of things. "A lack of faith in elections becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy that undermines faith in democratic governance itself," states Hanson. If you are concerned about what is happening in our country with regard to registering, voting, and counting, this book, incidentally a page turner of events we have witnessed, you may want to organize for change or ask for poll watchers from developing nations to help us out. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Michael L. Swift. Suggesting reading for those interested in the voting process.

In 2000, just a few hundred votes out of millions cast in the state of Florida separated Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush from his Democratic opponent, Al Gore. The outcome of the election rested on Florida's 25 electoral votes, and legal wrangling continued for 36 days. Then, abruptly, one of the most controversial Supreme Court decisions in U.S. history, *Bush v. Gore*, cut short the battle. Since the Florida debacle we have witnessed a partisan war over election rules. Election litigation has skyrocketed, and election time brings out inevitable accusations by political partisans of voter fraud and voter suppression. These allegations have shaken public confidence, as campaigns deploy armies of lawyers and the partisan press revs up when elections are expected to be close and the stakes are high. Richard L. Hasen, a respected authority on election law, chronicles and analyzes the battles over election rules from 2000 to the present. From a nonpartisan standpoint he explores the rising number of election-related lawsuits and charges of voter fraud as well as the decline of public confidence in fair results. He explains why future election disputes will be worse than previous ones—more acrimonious, more distorted by unsubstantiated allegations, and amplified by social media. No reader will fail to conclude with Hasen that election reform is an urgent priority, one that demands the attention of conscientious citizens and their elected representatives. Also available: *The Fraudulent Fraud Squad*, an e-excerpt from *The Voting Wars* Released February 2012 9780300187489 \$1.99

"This is a Stephen King novel for election junkies. No one has a better eye for the next big thing in election law than Rick Hasen. *The Voting Wars* provides an engaging, highly readable guide to the thrill ride we call election season." Heather Gerken, author of *The Democracy Index: Why Our Election System is Failing and How to Fix It* (Heather Gerken) "One of the most disturbing recent US political developments is the rapid growth of election administration litigation. Professor Hasen has masterfully described this trend, showing how political parties seek to gain advantage through election recounts, voter ID laws, absentee ballot procedures, and the like. Scholars, journalists and interested citizens will benefit from Hasen's insightful overview of this struggle and the potential for even more election related controversy and litigation in the future." Bruce Cain, Heller Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley