

# ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR VOTER SUPPRESSION

This time in Wisconsin (h/t BR):

A Dane County judge dismissed Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen's lawsuit against the state's elections board, saying Van Hollen had not shown that any state or federal laws had been violated.

The ruling comes just 12 days before voters will cast ballots for president.

Van Hollen sued the Government Accountability Board on Sept. 10, arguing the law requires the board to check registration information for more voters against driver's license or Social Security records.

But Dane County Circuit Judge Maryann Sumi ruled this morning that Van Hollen had not shown any laws had been violated.

She said mismatched data in government databases are not enough to affect one's ability to vote. The board has said the mismatches are often attributable to typographical mistakes or other harmless errors.

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Sumi went further and also ruled that Van Hollen didn't have the power to bring the lawsuit even if he'd identified violations of the law.

It sounds like Van Hollen will appeal. But it also sounds like Sumi threw Van Hollen's suit out on several different bases.