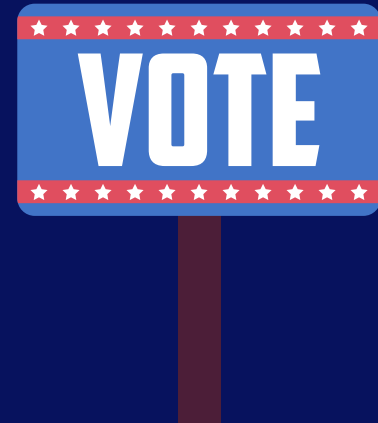


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- 1 **EVERY state** in the country has already mailed out ballots as of Sept. 19. Are your election officials up to speed?
- 2 More than **200 election-related lawsuits** have already been filed in at least **43 states**. When's the next hearing for a lawsuit in your coverage area?
- 3 As the pandemic lingers, so does **evictions**. Are evictions keeping people from voting locally?



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- 1 **Are masks required?** Check to see if masks are mandatory for in-person voting. This affects **poll worker staffing**, too.
- 2 **Election monitors/observers** could **slow down voting** because of the CDC's social distancing guidelines. Is that happening in your district?
- 3 Emphasize which polling places have **long lines**. MIT has a line optimization tool that **estimates wait times**.

