Voter Caging: A Fifty-Year History of Challenges to Minority Voters

Voter caging is a practice of sending non-forwardable direct mail to registered voters and using the returned mail to compile lists of voters, called “caging lists,” for the purpose of challenging their eligibility to vote.

“I would guess this program will eliminate at least 60,000 to 80,000 folks from the rolls…If it’s a close race…this could keep the black vote down considerably.”

Kris Wolfe, Republican National Committee Midwest Political Director, 1986.