



Preventing Another Florida? Will the Changes Make Things Better?

Friday, June 11, 2004, 8:00 a.m.–noon
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

For better or worse, the battle over the 2000 Florida election still remains with us. Billions of dollars are being spent by states to change their voting-machine systems in order to correct the perceived problems experienced in Florida. Yet much debate still exists over exactly what went wrong in Florida and whether the changes in voting machines will solve the problems or ensure an even worse disaster this November. The conference will feature experts in charge of instituting the new voting machines, academics that have studied these issues, and those responsible for the media recounts.

7:45 a.m. Registration

8:00 Introduction: JOHN FUND, *Wall Street Journal*

8:15 **Panel I: Who “Won” the Election and Whose Votes Weren’t Counted?**

Speakers: DAN KEATING, *Washington Post*
MARK SEIBEL, Knight-Ridder
JOHN R. LOTT Jr., AEI
PHILIP KLINKNER, Hamilton College

Discussants: ILYA SOMIN, George Mason University
JAMES GARAND, Louisiana State University

Moderator: KEN BLACKWELL, Ohio secretary of state

10:00 Break

10:15 **Panel II: What Should Be Done to Stop These Problems in the Future?**

Speakers: MICHAEL SHAMOS, Carnegie Mellon University
ADAM COHEN, *New York Times*
JOHN R. LOTT Jr., AEI
STEPHEN ANSOLABEHRE, MIT

Discussants: DOUG LEWIS, The Election Center
TOM HUSTED, American University

Moderator: RAY MARTINEZ III, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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