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Election Day has largely been free of high-profile incidents involving voting irregularities, though there were scattered cases of alleged intimidation or suppression including one under investigation in Kansas.

Additionally, National Review reported that executives at casino company Harrahs

Entertainment Inc. urged employees to vote for Nevada Sen. **Harry Reid**, who is locked in a tight race with Republican challenger

Sharron Angle

. Purported emails between the Reid campaign and Harrahs executives appear to show casino bosses urging employees to vote for Mr. Reid. Representatives of the casino company did not respond to requests for comment.

In Kansas, state attorney general Steve Sixs office opened an investigation Monday into claims of voter intimidation, a felony in the state. Reports allege that voters have received phone calls offering misleading information about voter eligibility and the date of the election.

Were investigating a variety of claims, including phone calls which gave misleading information as to voting requirements, said **Gavin Young**, a spokesman in the attorney generals office.

Volunteers with both parties have fanned out on Election Day to serve as poll watchers, observing voting stations for any irregularities. At one elementary school in Nevada, six different poll watchers crowded into a tiny space. Democratic Party officials said they were deploying about 10,000 lawyers and other poll watchers. Republicans said they would have a robust presence at polling places

Election Day also saw its share of technical glitches, with reports from across the country of out-of-order voting machines, poorly trained polling personnel, improperly printed ballots and voters names not appearing on registration rolls, according to Election Protection, a collection of advocacy groups including the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

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The group also reported dozens of unconfirmed instances of improper electioneering at polling places, alleged cases of poll workers questioning voters party registration, and some alleged cases of voter intimidation.

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