

**ELECTION LAW: THE LEGAL REGULATION
OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS**

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**READING ASSIGNMENT FOR FIRST DAY OF CLASS
MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

The casebook for this course is Issacharoff, Karlan, Pildes & Persily, *The Law of Democracy: Legal Regulation of the Political Process* (5th. ed. 2016). Please skim the introductory materials on pages 1-13 and then read closely pages 15-42 of the casebook. According to the text of the U.S. Constitution, who has the right to vote for federal offices? For state offices? Historically, who has been denied the right to vote? Today, are any denials of the franchise constitutional? If so, on what basis and to what extent?