

64-year-old Columbus man fined \$10K for election-related felony

Larry L. Divis was accused of illegally voting in Richland

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A Columbus man has been fined \$10,000 for election falsification for registering to vote in two counties in Nebraska in the 2020 general election.

Larry Divis of Columbus was found guilty of the felony at a trial in August.

On Wednesday, Colfax County District Court Judge Christina Marroquin sentenced the 64-year-old to the fine and costs, finding him not a suitable candidate for probation.

He faced up to two years of incarceration on the charge.

According to state prosecutors, Divis registered for and voted in an election in Richland, a village in Colfax County, despite already being registered to vote in Platte County.

At trial, the Nebraska Attorney General's Office said he had voted in the Richland election because he was angry at the five members of the village board over changes to nuisance property ordinances pertaining to piled-up junk on local properties and a plan to tear down the Richland Town Hall.

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Divis, who is from the village of Richland east of Columbus, owned a home that his brother had lived in as well as several mechanic shops. He also owns a home in Columbus, which he said he purchased as a home for his longtime girlfriend.

His attorney maintained Divis was living in Richland when he registered to vote in Colfax County.

