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From the editor

In this and the upcoming volume of A.L.R.6th you will find annotations exploring various legal issues surrounding use of the Internet. **48 A.L.R.6th 351** collects cases discussing civil liability of Internet dating services, while **48 A.L.R.6th 135** explores the prejudicial effect of juror misconduct arising from Internet usage. In 49 A.L.R.6th we will publish an annotation collecting cases examining the validity of an adverse personnel action or adverse action affecting a student's academic standing based upon an Internet posting or expression, including those on a social networking web site. More information on these and other annotations being published in 48 and 49 A.L.R.6th is highlighted below.

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Highlights

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Construction and Applicability of State Statutes Governing Health Club Membership Contracts or Fees

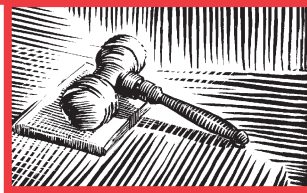
Several states have statutes governing health club membership contracts and fees. Their purpose is generally to encourage full disclosure to potential customers and to ensure that customers not be forced into unwanted financing or long-term contracts. This annotation collects and discusses the decisions in both state and federal courts that have construed and applied these statutes. **48 A.L.R.6th 223**

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

Validity of Statute Requiring Proof and Disclosure of Information as Condition of Registration to Vote

It is clear that voting registration statutes are valid in general, as they are necessary in order to smooth the conduct of Election Day and the actual voting process, and thus to make voting as free as possible from errors

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and fraud. However, problems arise when considering the validity of particular limitations mandated by such statutes, since persons who are barred from voting or who are otherwise inconvenienced by registration statutes invariably will claim that their rights to vote, or other constitutional rights such as equal protection, have been infringed upon. Among statutory voter registration provisions that have been challenged are those mandating that the potential registrant disclose various pieces of information in order to register, such as age or Social Security number, or that the registrant prove identity to the registrants in a specified manner. Courts have discussed the validity of various state statutory voting registration proof and information requirements, as this annotation illustrates. **48 A.L.R.6th 181**

INTERNET

Prejudicial Effect of Juror Misconduct Arising from Internet Usage

The right to a trial by jury means a trial by an unbiased and unprejudiced jury, free of disqualifying jury miscon-

