Vote-Switching Software Provided by Vendors

A Partial List — 51 Ballot Programming Flaws Reported in the News

These were detected; how many were not?

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