

**Dishonest Elections Favor Dishonest Politicians
(and that hurts senior citizens and every honest citizen!)**

By Woodrow Wilcox

Recently, federal prosecutors in northwest Indiana announced charges against over a dozen more people in a vote fraud scheme in East Chicago, Indiana. Three of those charged were East Chicago police officers.

Within the last two years, Indiana election laws were changed to require people who want to vote to show some identification to prove that they are who they claim to be and that they live where they claim to live. Some people have complained about the inconvenience of this new law. I prefer the inconvenience because it helps to keep elections honest.

Before the change in the law, any person could go to any polling place and claim to be someone else – even a dead person – without proving it. This resulted in many incidents of people voting for “dead” people or people who had moved away. Every one of those fraudulent votes diluted the value of every honest vote.

You can not get honest political leaders through dishonest elections. It does not matter who is cheating or why. Fraudulent voting is extremely evil. It cheats honest voters of their right to have their votes count effectively. It helps dishonest politicians to cheat honest politicians from rightful victories and authority. It changes the history of a community, a state, or a nation for the worse.

If a politician is greedy and dishonest enough to conspire to steal an election, how can you expect anything else but a politician who is greedy and dishonest enough to abuse power and harm the voters with confiscatory property taxes?

So, this fall, every Indiana voter should be thankful that identification will be required to vote. It will help to keep this year’s election more honest.

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