

ISP INVESTIGATE VOTER REGISTRATION FRAUD

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INDIANAPOLIS - If you think your voter registration information is up to date, you might be mistaken.

Indiana State Police are investigating fraudulent voter registrations in Hendricks and Marion counties, police said Thursday. Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson said a group — Indiana Voter Registration Project — is suspected of changing registered voters' information, such as addresses.

With the changed address on the registered voter's information, a person could then request an absentee ballot and cast a fraudulent vote, Tippecanoe County Clerk Christa Coffey confirmed. "That would be the only reason to do that — to get an absentee ballot," she said. "Election integrity and security is a top priority," Lawson said. "We are working with the State Police to ensure this matter is addressed quickly. I encourage all Hoosiers to be vigilant at this time and to monitor their voter registrations until the close of the voter registration deadline." The last day to register to vote is Oct. 11, Coffey said. Coffey received word Thursday from the Indiana Secretary of State's office about the irregularities.

"We haven't noticed anything specific," Coffey said when asked about irregularities in voter registrations in Tippecanoe County.

But election staff will be keeping an eye out for this type of scam, she said. Registered voters wanting to check their registration can do so at indianavoters.com, or they may check the Tippecanoe County Election Office on the third floor of the county building, 20 S. Third St. They also may call the office at 765-423- 9303.

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Indiana State Police said Thursday they are investigating reports of tampering with voters' registration information.

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