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President Establishes Panel to Probe Voter Fraud

Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday establishing a panel to investigate voter fraud, a commission he first talked about in early February. “The president is committed to the thorough review of registration and voting issues in federal elections,” spokesman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said. “The president named Vice President Mike Pence to lead the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, and named a bipartisan group of members that includes chief state election officials.

“The commission will review policies and practices that enhance or undermine the American people’s confidence in the integrity of federal elections and provide the president with a report that identifies system vulnerabilities that lead to improper registrations and voting. We expect the report will be complete by 2018. The experts and officials on this commission will follow the facts where they lead. Meetings and hearings will be open to the public for comments and input.”

First Members of the Commission: Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a Republican, will be the vice chairman. Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson will also be on the commission, as will New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner, a Democrat, and Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, a Democrat. The commission will also include former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, a Republican (who is an American Civil Rights Union Senior Fellow and Policy Board member), and U.S. Elections Assistance Commission member Christie McCormick. Other members will be named at a later date.

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/05/11/trump-establishes-panel-probe-voter-fraud/>

Interview of Kris Kobach with Tucker Carlson, Fox News: “This is a first-of-its-kind effort versus voter fraud.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ees7HbPPAfU>

National Review: Why Are Democrats Afraid of the Election Integrity Commission?

The hysterical criticism of Mr. Trump’s move lays bare the ideological conflict of visions raging over efforts to improve our election systems.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/447615/election-integrity-commission-trump-democrats-attack-ignore-fraud-evidence>

STATES

Illinois: House Expected to Amend Automatic Voter Registration Bill

The state House is expected to amend a measure to automatically register people to vote when they interact with a state agency because of concerns shared by the Illinois State Board of Elections. A similar measure passed onto the governor's desk last year but was vetoed, with Gov. Bruce Rauner offering suggestions to make it comply with federal law and to combat potential voter fraud. https://ilnews.org/news/state_politics/illinois-house-expected-to-amend-automatic-voter-registration-bill-to/article_9e2ae770-3403-11e7-a30e-d71f95ff1010.html

Nebraska: Democrats Filibuster Voter ID Amendment Bill

A proposal to set a vote on a state constitutional amendment to require ID to vote in Nebraska has stalled due to a Democrat filibuster. Bill sponsor Republican Sen. John Murante said he believes laws like this will restore voter confidence in the election system and, if done right, won't disenfranchise voters. He fell four votes short of ending debate on the bill, with a 26-17 vote. <http://nebraska.tv/news/local-politics/voter-id-proposal-stalls-in-nebraska-legislature>

New Hampshire: A 2016 Election Battleground State Investigates Potential Voter Fraud

A public records request by New Hampshire Public Radio determined that 5,903 state voters registered on Election Day using an out-of-state ID under the state's same-day voter registration law. <http://www.intellectualtakeout.org/blog/2016-election-battleground-state-investigating-potential-voter-fraud>

Pennsylvania: Kermit Gosnell Still Registered to Vote in Philadelphia

Abortionist Kermit Gosnell, who was found guilty of murdering babies born alive during abortions, is among the convicted felons who are still registered to vote in Philadelphia. <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/05/08/kermit-gosnell-still-registered-vote-philadelphia/>

ACRU Lawsuit: Philadelphia's Felonious Franchise - Criminal Problem with Voter Rolls Uncovered
Philadelphia election officials refuse to clean up their voter registration records despite an American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) lawsuit that has revealed the listing of ineligible voters such as convicted felons and non-citizens. For example, still registered is Philadelphia's former 11-term Democratic Congressman Chaka Fattah, who was convicted of racketeering and in January began serving 10 years in prison. Fattah's son, Chaka "Chip" Jr., who got five years in prison in February for bank and tax fraud, also remains on Philadelphia's voting rolls. http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/acru-lawsuit-philadelphias-felonious-franchise-300453425.html?tc=eml_cleartime

New York: Legislature to Consider Lowering Voting Age to 17

State Sen. Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) is sponsoring the bill.

<http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2017/5/12/teens-lobby-state-legislature-lower-ny-voting-age#.WRdEMAWdPp0.twitter>

Rhode Island: At least 125 Voters Claim Police Stations, Shops as Their Home Address

A half-dozen past and present Providence police officers may have committed a felony by registering to vote from the police station's address: 325 Washington Street. Providence Police Commissioner Steven M. Paré says the officers with whom he spoke — including one who actually lives and votes in Massachusetts — told him they have “no idea” how they landed on the capital city's voter rolls at that address. State law requires a voter to register from “his or her fixed and established domicile.” There are, however, at least 125 people on voter rolls across Rhode Island who claim they live in a UPS store, a U.S. post office, a gas station on Hartford Avenue in Johnston, a cellphone store in a Newport strip mall, and scores of other commercial buildings and vacant lots.

<http://www.providencejournal.com/news/20170511/at-least-125-ri-voters-claim-police-stations-shops-as-their-home-address>

West Virginia: Secretary of State Cleans Voter Lists

Nearly 52,000 voter registrations in West Virginia have been removed from voter rolls since January, according to the West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner's office. The state has a long history of unpurged voter rolls leading to criminal activity involving elections. In 2012, three West Virginia counties were identified as having more registered voters than recorded population — Lincoln, Marion and Boone counties. In the five years since, there have been intensive efforts to clean up the voting rolls by West Virginia's county clerks.

<http://www.weirtondailytimes.com/news/local-news/2017/05/warner-cleans-voter-lists-across-w-va/>

Wisconsin: Democrats Still Blaming Voter ID Laws for Clinton Loss

In a rather one-sided analysis, Christina Cassidy and Ivan Moreno wrote an Associated Press piece that seeks to explain why Clinton's narrow defeat in the Badger State may have come down to the simple fact that some unknown (and unknowable) number of voters wound up being “unable” to cast a vote last November due to voter identification requirements.

http://start.att.net/news/read/article/the_associated_press-in_wisconsin_id_law_proved_insurmountable_for_many-ap