

Computerized Election Fraud in Idaho

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Since we have limited time, and **computerized election fraud** is a huge issue, we're going to focus on one topic and that is **centralized, end-to-end, election management software**. Obviously, electronic tabulators are a problem, but the fraud in our elections goes far beyond tabulators, and TENEX, the program selected by the SOS in 2018 to manage Idaho's elections, appears to be a **prime suspect in computerized election fraud of many types**.

Let's get started by reviewing all of the things that the Tenex software platform does for Idaho, before, during, and after each election. It is important to point out that in previous years, many of these tasks were handed at the county level, often using commercial off the shelf software.

- Operates **Electronic Poll Books**, so it knows exactly who voted and when.
- Maintains **Statewide Voter Lists** and handles **Online Registration**.
- Operates **Help Desk** and **Election Info** websites for State and County Officials
- Does **Election Night Reporting**: Tabulates results, reports to Media and Public
- **Processes Absentee Ballots**: online requests, mailing, status, & signature checks.
- **Asset Inventory Management**: Tracks poll books, ballot boxes, "chain of custody".
- Manages printing and inventory of **Print on Demand Ballots**
- **Election Worker Management**: Knows tasks and identity of all poll workers.
- **Campaign Finance Reporting**: Tracks all candidates and donors.

In short, this program has access to everything having to do with elections in Idaho. And although not every feature is implemented in every county, this is the direction that elections are going in Idaho. 100% centralized, 100% surveilled and 100% controlled.

In recent years it appears Idaho has certified other vendors for some of these tasks in order to reduce centralization but this only creates the "illusion of choice". The Tenex system aggregates election data from numerous sources.

And what about Tabulators, you may ask? Supposedly Idaho tabulators are prohibited from all types of wireless communication, including the internet. But for some reason, Idaho election statutes have been modified to allow for an exception for electronic poll books (see **Title 34, Section 2410, part 3**). We don't know why such a provision would be allowed, but it appears that **in Idaho pollbooks are allowed to communicate wirelessly with tabulators**.

So if you were a clever fraudster who wanted to steal elections in Idaho, wouldn't having one program that had access to everything make cheating very convenient? Having one program that

had real-time access to all election data throughout the state—even a loophole allowing for communication with tabulators—would make it possible to set things up in advance, decide which races needed to be modified, make sure all the numbers added up, and cover your tracks.

Tenex Voter List Software Stores Data for Digital ID

Can it get any worse? Yes, it can, because it appears that the Tenex program that maintains voter registration lists for the Secretary of State is now being used to store enormous amounts of personal information about every Idaho voter, that has nothing to do with elections.

The routine collection of personal data about all Idaho voters was authorized in 2025 by House Bill 339. It was presented as an “Election Integrity” bill so it passed the legislature with large majorities. But if you read the actual text of HB 339, it not only gives the SOS open-ended authority to collect data about Idaho voters from both public and private institutions, it allows him to share it in some circumstances with private parties, including credit agencies and commercial data provider (ID 34-433 (2)).

This is Just the type of data access needed for Digital ID, and the Tenex Voter List program supports exactly this type of interlinking of databases. And even without digital ID, this type of data collection is a gross abuse of power and a threat to the integrity of elections.

Scytl Cryptography is Behind Tenex TED Software

But things get even worse. Because if you investigate Tenex, the company that supports the software that controls Idaho elections, you find out many disturbing things. For one thing, Tenex only has 70 employees nationwide, which is not nearly enough to develop and test such sophisticated election management software. They must have had a partner. But who???

Eye on Elections investigated this matter because whoever wrote the Tenex source code knows the back doors, and has the encryption keys. And what we found is conclusive. About 15 years ago the global leader in election cryptography was a Spanish company called Scytl. It is no longer operates as an Election Technology company, but when you use internet archive tools, it is possible to see the state of development in the critical years 2014 to 2018.

Scytl was founded by a Spanish cryptography expert who passed away in 2006 soon after turning over control of his company to a new CEO. In the following years, this new CEO raised over \$100K in venture capital and greatly expand the company. In 2012 Scytl bought SOE Software, an American Election Software company based in Tampa, and by 2015, Scytl was the **“global leader” in election cryptography** with over 40 international patents.

Coincidentally, **Tenex Software is also based in Tampa Florida**, just a few miles from Scytl’s American headquarters and until about 2016, Tenex’s product line tracked Scytl’s fairly closely. By that point Scytl had stopped marketing its own products in the U.S. and mainly supported existing SOE’s Election Night Reporting software. **So what is going on here?**

It appears that Tenex was a front for Scytl, but it is interesting to notice that many other Election Technology companies appear to have developed Election Management tools along similar lines at about the same time. So it is likely that some other companies have access to Scytl software.

What makes this compelling is the fact that, election cryptography—the field in which Scytl was predominant, is at the heart of secure communication, electronic authentication, and data security. When companies assure you their products are secure it is because they are using protocols and encryption tools that they believe prevent data from being shared or modified. But Scytl was a company that actually developed and patented these encryption protocols, especially for elections. **So it may have been impossible for some of these Election Technology companies to operate without Scytl encryption software.**

OK, problem solved. We know that Scytl is the company that wrote Idaho's Election Management Software and we can hold them responsible for Election Fraud in Idaho. **Right?**

Not so fast. It seems that after raising over \$100M in venture capital and selling its products in dozens of countries, Scytl underwent an emergency, accelerated bankruptcy in 2020. As part of the bankruptcy, its assets were sold, but it is not clear to whom. But we know that **bankruptcy absolves both the old and new owners of damages in case Scytl software is found to be fraudulent.** And change of ownership provides **plausible deniability for corporate managers.**

So we appear to be at the end of the road of accountability for the Tenex election management system running Idaho's election. But not quite. We may have a new lead.

Freemasons Behind Voter Fraud in Idaho?

Using Google Maps to zoom into Tenex headquarters in Tampa Florida, we find that it is located in a large office building on an Island in Tampa Bay. And by sheer coincidence, just a block away on the same street, is the **International Shriners Headquarter**, an institution which happens to be in direct communication with Shriners and Freemasons lodges throughout the United States.

But what interest could Shriner leadership have in elections? Well it could be a lot, since **Idaho was founded by Freemasons**, and Masons have been very influential in its government ever since. And of course, Masonry also has close ties to large financial institutions and private equity, which is interesting because virtually every Election Technology Company in the United States is privately owned, often by private equity firms. **So this could be an interesting lead.**

Of course, we have limited proof of Masonic complicity in Election Fraud in Idaho other than the fact that the company that controls Idaho Elections is located next door to the world headquarters of a group of high level Freemasons. **It could be just a coincidence!!** But it's an interesting twist, and we will continue to investigate.

Learn More Details: Regarding **Tenex, Scytl** and **Digital ID** see recent articles on the **Eye on Elections blog** (<https://eyeonelections.org/blog>). Regarding the **History of Freemasonry in Idaho** see recent articles on NISGR blog (<https://www.nislowgrow.org/slog-blog>).