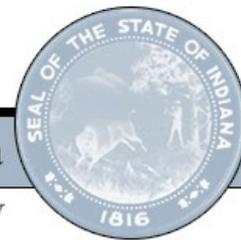




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Message from Secretary Rokita

For the past five years I have fought hard for fair and accurate elections, and am proud to say that Indiana's Photo-ID requirement at the polls has once again been upheld by the Indiana Supreme Court. The 4-1 decision came yesterday and is another victory for the State of Indiana and the protection of our franchise.

This commonsense law is a key tool that we put in place to improve elections and protect the strength and integrity of our republic.

I've stood up for Hoosiers and this law ever since we helped write it and began implementing it five years ago and through seven elections and numerous special elections. It is overwhelmingly supported by voters and taxpayers, despite a very small but vocal partisan minority.

Protecting the votes of honest people from being diluted by those who have no respect for the franchise is the right thing to do. And I will continue to stand up for the rights of Hoosiers so we can continue to maintain election integrity.

I applaud all of you who have fought through the years for our Photo-ID requirement at the polls and have spread the importance of its message across our state.

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Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita presented four Military Officers Association of America-Indiana White River Chapter scholarships at the 9th annual MOAA Awards Banquet on June 8, 2010. Awards were given to Korinne Reinke, recipient of the Pat Tillman JROTC Leadership Scholarship, Phillip Forrest, JROTC Leadership Scholarship, and Thomas Dunbar and Mataya Potsschmidt recipients of the Academic Scholarships.

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New laws to benefit Hoosier voters and investors take effect

As of today, innovative new tools are up and running that make our voting process simpler and more convenient and create an even safer environment for Hoosier investors. Our office has been busily preparing for the launch of these new programs, including Online Voter Registration and the Securities Restitution Fund.

Online Voter Registration

Online Voter Registration has become the latest addition to www.indianavoters.com. Now, Indiana residents wishing to vote can to submit a voter registration application electronically to the appropriate county voter registration office. Indiana becomes only the eighth state in the nation to offer this option, making the voting process simpler and more convenient by incorporating the tools and technologies Hoosiers use every day.

Indiana residents with a valid Indiana driver's license or Indiana state-issued identification card can now go to www.indianavoters.com to submit a new voter registration application or to update an existing voter registration record. Historically, voters have most commonly registered by mail using a paper-based application form or have registered in-person at a county voter registration office, the Indiana Election Division or a branch office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

States adopting an online voter registration option have seen a 60 to 70 percent shift away from paper-based registrations over time. A similar shift in Indiana would greatly reduce pressure on county election administrators to facilitate data entry, especially during peak times at the close of the vote registration period.

Investor protections take effect

For investors, especially those who end up becoming victims of investment fraud, a new Securities Restitution Fund is now established to help them recover their losses. Far too often, the investigators and attorneys in Secretary Rokita's Securities Division find that many defrauded victims are unable to recover the full amount of money they've lost to fraudsters.

The Securities Restitution Fund will leverage fines and settlements from law violators to award money back to these victims. For years the Division has successfully used such fines to support its operations and to educate Hoosiers about financial literacy. The program is believed to be the first of its kind by any state in the nation.

With the Securities Restitution Fund, eligible victims of securities violations where the illegitimate transaction occurs on or after July 1, 2010, will be required to show proof that restitution was awarded by a court or administrative agency. The Securities Commissioner can award payment of up to \$15,000 or 25 percent of unrecovered awards (whichever is less).

Victims will have access to an online portal where they can submit an application for awards from the fund.

Also, anyone entering the financial planning profession as an Investment Adviser Representative in Indiana will first undergo an FBI criminal background check. Both new investor protection measures taking effect this week are the result of House Enrolled Act 1332, which was supported by Secretary Rokita and passed by the Indiana General Assembly earlier this year.

Secretary Rokita congratulates Carmel Entrepreneur for being named National Notary of the Year

Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita is pleased to announce that Daniel C. Lewis of Carmel has been named "2010 Notary of the Year" by the National Notary Association. The annual award is given by the largest professional organization of Notaries public and honors outstanding Notaries that have gone above and beyond their duties, while maintaining professionalism and integrity.

Lewis has been commissioned as a Notary Public through Secretary Rokita's office since 2003, and during that time established his own business as a Notary Signing Agent. In addition, he also teaches a course on ethics for Notaries hoping to obtain a Title Producer's license in Indiana.

Lewis was presented with the "2010 Notary of the Year" award in June at the National Notary Association's 32nd annual Conference in Chicago. Deputy

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Palladium-Item "Vote Centers get voice of support"

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Indiana Secretary of State Scott Bowers was on hand to present Lewis with an Honorary Secretary of State award for his commitment to protecting Hoosiers from fraud and identity theft.

A Notary public is a public officer of the state, authorized by law to certify documents, take affidavits and administer oaths. A Notary public is appointed for an eight year term after being commissioned by the Secretary of State's office. With over 80,000 currently in service, Notaries public make up the largest single group of public officials in Indiana.



Deputy Indiana Secretary of State Scott Bowers (left) presents National Notary of the Year Daniel C. Lewis of Carmel with an Honorary Secretary of State award in Chicago June 16.

Protect your Pockets: Money Skills for Newlywed Couples

Wedding season is underway, and hundreds of Hoosier couples are taking the next step toward building their life together. Before they make their way to the altar they spend time evaluating their personalities, values, goals and more to determine if they are compatible. However, money management is one trait that is often overlooked. Questions like "How much debt do you have?" "What's your investing philosophy?" and "How much do you save each month?" can be difficult questions to ask and even seem out of place. But discovering these answers early on in a relationship - before marriage cements a financial partnership - can prevent stress and arguments after saying "I do."

Even the most compatible couple may find they have vastly different attitudes and experiences with spending and saving habits. Some people are innate savers, investing and living on a budget. Others are quick to spend without prior planning and may drain their personal checking account every month. Assuming your significant other is financially fit can be a recipe for disaster.

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In the News

Editorial: "Making the case for Vote Centers"

Northwest Times

June 19, 2010

Secretary of State Todd Rokita is still plugging away in his effort to sell Indiana lawmakers on the concept of vote centers.

We applaud him for his tenacity.

Rokita's office issued a news release this week pointing out that if the 3rd Congressional District had been forced to have a special election to replace former U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, district counties could have saved \$350,000, or about 40 percent, through the use of vote centers.

The news release noted that Rokita's staff arrived at the number by using data from a study by the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute and budget information reported by each of the counties in the district.

The bottom line on this or any other election is that vote centers are less expensive and at the same time more convenient for average voters.

At a time when government at all levels is being forced to stretch every dollar and still faces painful cuts in services, it is unfathomable why Indiana lawmakers have continued to refuse to embrace this concept.

Under the proposals endorsed by Rokita, the decision about whether to use vote centers would be strictly a local one, but it seems likely that if the legislature would grant the authority, most counties would be on board rather quickly.

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Secretary Rokita meets with his office's 2010 interns and fellows in his Statehouse office. Pictured from left to right: [Brett Highley](#), [Tim Coxey](#), [Valerie Petrey](#), [Matt Wells](#), [Blake Weaver](#), [Jaichitra Prasanna](#), [Dedrick Gordon](#), [Emma Winton-Smith](#), [Stewart Day](#).
