



Freedom Principle MO Seeks Investigation Of St. Charles County Board Of Elections For Potential Tampering Of Electronic Voting Machines

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The Freedom Principle MO called on Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft to investigate Kurt Bahr, St. Charles County Board of Election Director, and Mark Parkinson, Deputy Director, for potentially violating Missouri Statutes regarding alleged tampering with electronic voting machines. The alleged tampering claims stem from a breakfast meeting on March 17, 2023, in which Mr. Bahr and Mr. Parkinson discussed the security of electronic voting machines with noted election security experts Clay Parikh, Clint Curtis, and voters. “We have contacted Secretary of State Ashcroft and he is aware of the allegation, and the Secretary of State’s office is investigating this potential violation,” said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO.

The breakfast meeting was part of a St. Charles Townhall Meeting organized by St. Charles County Councilman Joe Brazil. The Townhall Meeting was called “Ask the Experts about Election Security.” During the discussion, Mr. Bahr and Mr. Parkinson admitted that they opened the OpenElect Voting Optical Scan (OVO) of the Unisyn Voting Solutions machines and the tabulating machines. According to the video, Mr. Parkinson stated, “We put a device in that and broke it as well as opened the machines and we physically cut the wires going from I guess the motherboard to the jack ...so they have physically been damaged to the point where they’re not functional.”

“This could be a violation of one of three Missouri Statutes regarding tampering or defacing voting equipment,” said Keelin. Section 115.631, Section 16; Statute 115.633, Section 2; and Missouri Statute 115.635, Section 11. Section 115.633, Section 2 specifically states, “Willfully tampering with, disarranging, defacing, materially altering, impairing, or destroying any voting machine or automatic tabulating equipment owned or leased by or loaned to an election authority, is a class two election offense and are deemed felonies not connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage.”

“We believe this is a clear violation of this statute and Mr. Bahr and Mr. Parkinson should be held accountable for their actions,” said Keelin. “In addition to the investigation by Secretary Ashcroft, we have contacted Councilman Brazil to ask the St. Charles County Council to investigate if Mr. Bahr has violated any service agreements and/or contracts between the County and vendor. This could result in the County being responsible for thousands of dollars in penalties for damaging the machines.”

Voters can see the video at www.KurtCutTheWires.Com, learn about the Missouri Statutes impacting tampering with voting machines, and a Call to Action on how St. Charles County residents and Missourians can make their voices heard to Secretary Ashcroft, Attorney General Bailey, and the St. Charles County Council on election integrity.

“The right to vote and the right to have that vote counted are essential to election integrity. Missouri residents must have confidence in the electoral systems, processes, and results,” said Keelin. “This is why the Freedom Principle MO has made election integrity one of its key priorities and collaborated with Senator Bill Eigel (Dist. 23) to try and pass SB 98 this past legislative session.”

SB 98 would have prohibited the use of electronic voting and tabulating machines and required all elections to use paper ballots and be hand counted. “We worked very hard this past legislative session to try and get SB 98 passed,” said Keelin. “Unfortunately, the bill was never voted out of committee, but we will continue to work with Senator Eigel and other Senators like Senator Denny Hoskins (Dist. 15) and Senator Rick Brattin (Dist.31) to seek legislation to remove all electronic voting and tabulating equipment from Missouri elections.”

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