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**TENNESSEE STATE AND COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS BLOCK THOROUGH INQUIRIES INTO THE FIRM THAT HANDLES 70 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S VOTER ROLLS & VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEMS**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (February 10, 2026)** -- Dirty, active voter rolls that include dead voters, voters who have moved out of a jurisdiction and illegal voters – all of whom aren't allowed to vote in federal elections -- have finally caught the attention of many election experts across the nation, including the US Department of Justice.

But on top of that, the people of Tennessee have a greater concern as the state's Election Office and some election commissions have refused to provide basic answers to citizen's questions about a small west Tennessee computer repair shop that is responsible for the voter rolls, software and voter registration system for 91 of Tennessee's 95 counties.

And with that comes no proof of knowledge, experience, certification, cyber security protection, protocols, success criteria, method of selection and transparency of the vendor that handles the voting records of 3.39 million of Tennessee's approximately 4.83 million registered voters.

"Our group has conducted research into information on this firm and what they are supposed to be doing, and in the process, exposed highly questionable aspects about them and this critical election service," said Frank Limpus, founder of [Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity \(TVEI\)](#). "The firm appears to have no known certification to perform this work, no cyber security expertise, and seemingly, no contracts with counties for the service. Plus, the state and our local county have been virtually silent on what the firm is to do to earn the \$400,000+ worth of their statewide work per year."

Dirty voter rolls can be used by nefarious actors who gain entrance into the voter roll database to [commit voter fraud](#) during elections. In some cases, just a few illegal votes can swing an election.

[Embry Consulting LLC](#), a small computer repair firm based in Friendship, Tenn., (population 668) in Crockett County, Tenn., (population 13,973), is the vendor that has been handling both voter rolls and voter registration services for some unknown time, although their [website](#) says nothing about this service, ability, certification, when and how they got the business or protection for voters.

Using a Google Maps search, their invoices show [this location](#) as their headquarters and their website shows [a different location](#) for their HQ.

Questions directed to the computer shop about their expertise and services have been sent back to the county. (When asked, the Williamson County Election Commission provided only a curt assertion affirming that Embry is the county's voter roll/voter registration system provider and confirmed they have no contract with the firm for the work.) The state refused to answer citizens' in-person and written questions last summer about the firm at a meeting of the Tennessee State Election Commission.

In December 2025, a Marshall County State legislator, Representative Todd Warner, sent Mark Goins, the Tennessee Coordinator of Elections, a letter containing a number of questions about Embry that TVEI had asked, which Goins refused to answer earlier. Goins' reply to Warner gave only a general sketch of the firm and provided no answers to the deeper questions that had been asked, nor did he submit specific requested evidence of the business' abilities.

Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity continues to wait for Goins to answer its own [recently sent, third round of the same questions about Embry](#).

In 2015, the Tennessee State Election Commission [reviewed Embry](#) and three other firms to supposedly certify them as a vendor. But there was no statement in any of their documentation/ meeting minutes of any success criteria against which Embry would be judged, cybersecurity requirements, who would assess those standards, the cyber certifications of its owner or employees, their cost of services or when the review process would be repeated, for instance. Three months later, the [commission approved Embry](#) with no confirmation of how the firm was judged or when they were to be judged again.

Importantly, twelve years later there has been no new review of Embry and its cybersecurity protections or procedures, which is especially concerning given the [rampant data hacks](#) over the last decade of entities around the world spending millions or more dollars on data security than the state and its counties are spending to protect their voter rolls.

“Citizens have been given no reason to trust Embry, their own county election commission, the state election commission nor the Tennessee Election Office in what Embry is doing and if their county voter rolls are safe from suspicious intrusion,” Limpus said. “Despite our significant questions about the certification of Embry and its family/personnel to handle this sensitive data, or to see documentation of any evaluation the firm has undergone, we’ve received nothing. Unfortunately, this appears to be standard procedure for the state’s Election Office. These bureaucrats give the impression that all is safe and well while ignoring citizens who are questioning how elections are conducted in Tennessee.”

In December, an internet news service, [TruthWire News, produced a five-part series](#) on this situation and the information blackout citizens have seen despite their concerning questions.

“Voters are urged to request documentation from their county election commission about Embry, including recent invoices, a statement of services and a copy of Embry’s contract with the county (if one exists) to affirm if the company is doing what it’s supposed to do to keep voter rolls safe,” Limpus advised. “Otherwise, its anyone’s guess if their county’s voter rolls are being penetrated by nefarious actors.”

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*[Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity](#) is a citizen-driven group whose mission is to share with state legislators, election commissions and government officials opportunities we have uncovered in our research to plug holes in Tennessee’s – and Williamson County’s -- election systems. And for these leaders to make and lead necessary changes in machinery and methods that will strengthen the state’s leadership in election integrity while improving citizen trust and support of our election processes.*