



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTION DAY OPERATIONS
AND VOTER DISENFRANCHISEMENT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

SUBJECT: Ensuring the integrity of elections.

PURPOSE: To examine the condition of the State's election infrastructure with a focus on measures in place to protect the integrity of the system against cyber-infiltration or attack.

ALBANY
Tuesday
November 29th, 2016
10:30 a.m.
Hearing Room B, LOB
Albany, NY

In July 2016, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) revealed that voter registration databases in Arizona and Illinois were infiltrated by foreign hackers – possibly at the direction of a foreign state government. Infiltrations of Democratic National Committee and presidential election campaign staff emails have provided further evidence to suggest that a foreign entity was attempting to influence the 2016 U.S. federal elections via cyber infiltration. In the wake of these incidents the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has offered assistance to a number of States, including New York, to help prevent and combat possible cyber-attack or infiltration.

This hearing will examine the condition of New York State's election infrastructure with a specific focus on the measures in place to protect the integrity of the system against cyber-infiltration or attack, whether additional Federal assistance may be necessary, and the state budget implications of ensuring the security of the state's election systems.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to testify at the public hearing examining the condition of the State's election infrastructure and the effect on the State budget are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, e-mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on examining the condition of the New York State's election infrastructure and the effect on the state budget, to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Election Law on November 29, 2016.
- I have been invited and plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
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