



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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Protecting the Integrity of New York State's Election Systems

**PURPOSE:** To examine the condition of the State's election infrastructure and take testimony with regard to protecting the integrity of election systems against cyber-infiltration or attack.

**New York City**  
250 Broadway  
Tuesday  
November 28, 2017  
10 a.m.  
Assembly Hearing Room  
250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Testimony by Invitation Only**

In September 2017, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) confirmed to election officials in 21 states that their election systems had been targeted by Russian hackers during the 2016 election cycle. Such attacks included attempts to infiltrate state voter registration databases and, in two instances, hackers were successful in obtaining access to information in state voter registration systems.

This confirmation by DHS comes on the heels of United States House, Senate and intelligence community investigations which offered further substantiation of Russian attempts to influence the 2016 election. Furthermore, these investigations confirmed that there is no reason to believe that such disruption attempts were isolated incidents, and that states need to upgrade their cyber security efforts to prevent, recognize and mitigate threats to state and local election systems.

This hearing seeks testimony from federal, state, and local officials and information technology administrators, as well as public and private cyber security experts, to examine the current state of cyber security protections for the State's election systems and consider recommendations to strengthen the security of New York's election infrastructure as we approach the 2018 election cycle and beyond.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten (10) 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.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at, and those wishing to attend the public hearing on protecting the integrity of New York State's Election Systems are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email, or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on protecting the integrity of New York States' election systems to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Election Law on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10 a.m.
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