

Amend CSSB 1 (house committee report) in Article I of the bill following the appropriations to the Secretary of State by adding the following appropriately numbered rider and renumbering subsequent riders accordingly:

____. Study on Election Cyber Attacks. (a) The Secretary of State, using funds appropriated by this Act, shall, not later than December 1, 2018, conduct a study regarding cyber attacks on election infrastructure and shall report the study's findings to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over election procedures. The study shall include:

(1) an investigation of vulnerabilities and risks for a cyber attack against voting system machines, the list of registered voters, and election administrators' Internet websites;

(2) information on any attempted cyber attack on voting system machines, the list of registered voters, and election administrators' Internet websites; and

(3) recommendations for protecting voting system machines, the list of registered voters, and election administrators' Internet websites from a cyber attack.

(b) In conducting the study required by this section, the secretary of state may consult with any state agency with appropriate expertise, including the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Information Resources.

(c) The Secretary of State may withhold information considered confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code, including Section 552.139, Government Code, or other state or federal law that is contained in a report under this section after receiving a decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G, Chapter 552, Government Code.