



DIRECTIVE 2017-09

July 14, 2017

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: County Contact with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2016

At a recent hearing of the United States Senate Intelligence Committee, officials from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) testified that the election infrastructure in twenty-one states might have been the subject of attempted interference leading up to the 2016 Presidential Election.

In the event that your county's election infrastructure (e.g., your county's voter registration system, website, or any other election-related system) had been the target of such attempted interference, DHS or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) would have contacted your board of elections' office or your county's IT department directly to advise your county of any attempted interference. The Secretary of State's office was not contacted by DHS or the FBI regarding any attempted interference into a system operated by a local jurisdiction.

If your board of elections or your county's IT department was contacted or is contacted in the future by DHS or the FBI, notifying you of an attempted intrusion into your county's voter registration system, website, or any other election-related system, you must report that information to your assigned Secretary of State's elections attorney. If your board of elections or county's IT department was not contacted by DHS or the FBI in the months leading up to the 2016 Presidential Election, you do not need to contact my office at this time.

Sincerely,


Jon Husted