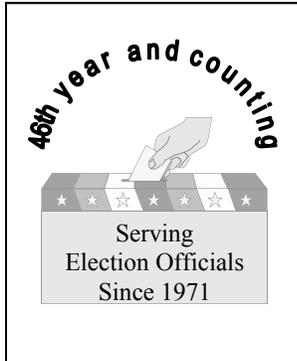


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Washington Focus: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will hold a public hearing on April 4, 2017, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm that will feature two panels. One panel will focus on election officials and how they can move forward with the critical infrastructure designation made by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).. Various state and local election officials will participate in the panel. The second panel will focus on how DHS officials can work with election officials on security and the infrastructure designation and will feature officials from DHS. The hearing will be held at the EAC offices, 1335 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD. The event will also be web cast at www.eac.gov.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE RELEASE KEY FACTS AND FINDINGS ON CYBERSECURITY AND FOREIGN TARGETING OF 2016 ELECTION

On March 20, 2017, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) released a briefing document that highlighted five key findings and facts on cybersecurity and foreign nations targeting in the 2016 election. The briefing was released since Congress is currently investigating Russian involvement in the 2016 election and is based on unclassified data and evidence available to NASS.

The first highlighted point of the briefing was that the presidential 2016 election was not “hacked” and that the voting process was not subject to manipulation in any way. No voting machines, vote counting operations, or recount efforts were hacked in any state. The briefing cites a report from DHS-DNI that foreign cyberattacks against the U.S. government and political parties were attributed to Russia. The NASS document states that election officials remain concerned by “unfounded conjecture that a lack of such tangible evidence indicates that hacking might have been overlooked or hidden from discovery.” This conjecture is made despite “collaborative efforts among intelligence services, cybersecurity firms, network defenders and state and local officials.”

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