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ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

New Election Cyberprotections Cause Confusion and Concern

Left with unanswered questions, state and local election officials are worried about the Department of Homeland Security's latest attempt to stop hackers. DHS' response? Calm down. We're here to help.

<http://www.governing.com/topics/elections/gov-dhs-elections-infrastructure.html>

Husted Doesn't Like Feds' Naming Elections Systems as 'Critical Infrastructure'

"This designation is not something the department needed to rush through in the final days of the current administration, especially seeing the next federal election is nearly two years away," says Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2017/01/11/husted-doesnt-like-fed-designation-for-elections-systems.html>

Federal Commissioner: DHS' Election Power Grab Raises Huge Questions and Red Flags

Hans von Spakovsky notes that Commissioner Christy McCormick is asking President-elect Trump and his designated DHS secretary, Gen. John Kelly, to "immediately reverse this unjustified and unsupported critical infrastructure, designation" and review the actions of DHS. The federal government,

she notes, should "leave the conduct of elections to the States, as mandated in our Constitution."

<https://www.conservativereview.com/commentary/2017/01/dhs-election-power-grab-raises-huge-questions-and-red-flags>

Mark Levin Radio Show Rewind Specifically Discusses DHS power-grab (first 20 minutes)

<http://www.marklevinshow.com/audio-rewind/>

Paul Pate: Here's the Truth about Election Integrity Bill

Iowa's Secretary of State says his proposal is designed to "make it easy to vote, but hard to cheat."

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/opinion/columnists/other-voices-pate-here-s-the-truth-about-election-integrity/article_6fbdf1fa-f35f-52a8-a769-5fada6a58888.html

Democrats Target Integrity of Virginia Elections

Both McAuliffe and Northam endorse a proposal to repeal Virginia's photo ID requirement at the polls.

<http://www.lifezette.com/polizette/democrats-target-integrity-of-virginia-elections/>

Man Admits Trying to Register Fake Voters for Virginia Progressive Group

Vafalay Massaquoi pled guilty to two counts of forging a public record and one count of election fraud.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/man-admits-trying-to-register-fake-voters-for-virginia-progressive-group/2017/01/12/de8b75c0-d8e4-11e6-9a36-1d296534b31e_story.html?utm_term=.8217efc87383

registration application, unless the person declines that voting opportunity. The proposal also fine-tunes county record keeping for inactive voters. http://www.tribstar.com/news/news_columns/mark-bennett-indiana-has-chance-to-bring-voting-laws-out/article_64f07e2f-d0f1-5d5a-9030-bc2f9a88946d.html

Democrats Already Working to Get out the Vote for 2020

Even before President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration, top Democrats – including President Barack Obama – are launching efforts to reshape the electoral landscape, focusing on redistricting and voter ID.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/14/politics/voting-wars-democrats-2020/>

WSJ: Sessions on Voting Rights Act, Voter ID Laws (Video)

During his confirmation hearing for Attorney General on Jan. 10, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R., Ala) discussed his record on the Voting Rights Act and his overall support for state-passed voter identification laws.

<http://www.wsj.com/video/sessions-on-voting-rights-act-id-laws/B32AB01C-24F2-436E-A0A6-C8D8E68DDAAB.html>

Indiana Democrat Files for Automatic Voter Registration

House Bill 1178 would create automatic voter registration through licensing transactions at Bureau of Motor Vehicles branches. A Hoosiers' application to obtain or renew a driver's license, permit or ID card would also serve as a voter