



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Clyde, Ingram, Reece, Boggs, Lepore-Hagan, West

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Secretary of State to appoint a Director of Elections Cybersecurity.
 - Requires the Secretary to establish an independent Elections Cybersecurity Council.
 - Requires the Elections Cybersecurity Council to submit a biannual report to the Secretary containing best practices for elections security, potential weaknesses of and opportunities for threats to elections systems, and other state and federal actions on election security.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Elections Cybersecurity Director and Council

The bill requires the Secretary of State to appoint an Elections Cybersecurity Director and to establish an independent Elections Cybersecurity Council. Under the bill, the Director advises the Secretary on matters of election security. The Council must advise, consult with, or otherwise assist the Director, and is made up of the following members:

- At least one member who is a current election official from the same political party as the Secretary;
- At least one member who is a current election official from the major political party of which the Secretary is not a member;
- At least one member who has an academic background in the area of elections;

- At least one member who has a background in law enforcement; and
- At least one member who has a background in information technology systems, either in the private or public sector.

The Council must submit a biannual report to the Secretary containing (1) the best safety and privacy practices of the online voter registration system, voting machines, marking devices, and automatic tabulating equipment, (2) potential weaknesses and opportunities that make those election systems susceptible to electronic threats and attacks by examining the entities that interact with them, and (3) information about other state and federal actions to prepare for threats and attacks to the security and privacy of elections.¹

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 3501.054.

