**Elections Security: States Teaming Up**  
Jackson, Miss. • November 29-30, 2018

**Meeting Description:** This meeting connects policymakers from several Southern States to better understand the current election security environment and to exchange ideas on how to strengthen state policies to protect our elections. The meeting specifically focuses on potential foreign or domestic cyberthreats, the human factor in securing elections, voter registration system protection and communications strategies.

Resources for legislators and other policymakers can be found at [Elections Security: States Teaming Up](#). NCSL contacts are on the final agenda page.

### Thursday, November 29

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<td>1:00 - 1:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Welcome, Introductions and Points of Pride</td>
<td>Speaker Pro Tem Snowden will be welcoming us to Jackson. All attendees will be asked to do three things: 1) introduce themselves; 2) describe one thing they are proud of in elections administration in their home state; and 3) offer a question you hope to have answered during this meeting.</td>
<td>Moderator: Wendy Underhill, NCSL</td>
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<td>1:45 - 2:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Election Security 101 (Threats)</td>
<td>What’s the threat landscape for elections? Who are the bad actors and what are they trying to do? We’ll learn about what has happened, and what might be coming down the road.</td>
<td>Speaker: Matt Masterson, Department of Homeland Security</td>
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<td>2:45 - 3:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>3:00 - 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Election Security 201 (Elections technology)</td>
<td>All states are grappling with their voting equipment—whether to replace it, and if so, with what and using who’s money? Hear from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission about federal voluntary guidelines for equipment, what’s on the market, and the rigorous testing machines go through—and about the latest $380 million made available to the states for election security.</td>
<td>Speaker: Brian Hancock, director testing and certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission</td>
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<td>4:00 - 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>The Human Element in Election Security</td>
<td>Security is at least as much about human behavior as it is about thwarting cyber threats. What role do each of us play in securing elections? Phishing, passwords, dual authentication, a culture of security ... Security is everyone’s job.</td>
<td>Speaker: Secretary Delbert Hosemann, Mississippi Secretary of State</td>
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| 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. | Policy on Election Administrator Structure, Training and Qualifications for Election Officials  
**Session Info:** As the 2018 election illustrates, election administration structures and practices vary widely across the U.S. Professional practices are paramount, and election administration is becoming a professionalized career. Learn more about the election office structures of the states attending and how they compare to the rest of the country. Learn why and how training and education matter, and about the training requirements and professionalization opportunities for local and state office personnel in your state and nationally.  
**Presenter:** Kathleen Hale, professor and director, Graduate Program in Election Administration, Auburn University |
| 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Reception and Dinner  
Two Mississippi Museums  
222 North St.,  
Jackson MS,  
32901 |

### Friday, November 30

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| 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast at Hotel (on your own)  
A General Approach to Cybersecurity Protection  
What is it that IT experts do to protect computer systems and data, generally speaking? Expect to learn how to think like a cybersecurity specialist and go home with a few ideas you can use for your campaigns or at your legislature.  
**Speaker:** Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology |
| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. | Mississippi State Capitol  
Room 216  
Threats to Voter Registration  
First, learn how voter registration systems work, how they vary between states represented at this meeting, and how they relate to making elections more secure. Then, attendees will apply what they have learned from Maurice Turner to realistic election-security scenarios and work on short-term responses and longer-term policy implications.  
**Speakers:** Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology  
Katy Owens Hubler, founder and senior policy specialist, Democracy Research |
| 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. | BREAK  
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| 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. | Threats to Voting Itself                                                                                                                   | Similar to the previous session, learn how voting works in all its many variations. There’s early in-person voting, no-excuse absentee voting, Election Day voting, special options for military and overseas voters…it’s a big topic. How are these systems kept secure now? Where are the potential security gaps? Then, attendees apply what they have learned to a realistic scenario.  
**Speakers:** Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology  
Katy Owens Hubler, founder and senior policy specialist, Democracy Research |
| 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. | Threats to Reporting Results                                                                                                               | The last phase of an election is what happens after the polls close: results are unofficially reported, with many more steps to come before the outcomes are certified. How are election results reported from local jurisdictions to the state and to the public, and are those systems well-defended?  
**Speaker:** Maurice Turner, senior technologist, Center for Democracy & Technology |
| 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch                                                                                                                                       | Catered by The Pig & Pint                                                                                                                                         |
| 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | State Experts Share Best Practices                                                                                                        | State election directors will share their achievements and how they plan to use the new federal funding. There will be time for questions, too.  
**Moderator:** Dylan Lynch, NCSL  
**Speakers:** State Election Directors from participating states |
| 2:00 - 2:10 p.m. | Break                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2:10 - 3:00 p.m. | Voter Confidence: How Information (and Misinformation) Play a Role                                                                     | What role do legislators play in communications with press and the public on election security? What message can legislators carry to their constituents that is both truthful and bolsters confidence?  
**Speaker:** Mick Bullock, Director of Public Affairs, NCSL |
| 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. | Ask Anything/Share Anything                                                                                                               | Now is the time to ask any remaining questions, given that we will have so much talent in the room. And, share any actions you plan to take once you are back home.  
**Moderator:** Wendy Underhill, NCSL staff  
**Speakers:** Everyone |
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