



Ensure Election Technology is Secure



Current Situation:

- **The risk of hacking of Florida’s election systems is high:**
 - **Many election systems are not tested and certified by the state** - only narrowly defined “voting systems” are tested and certified, “other election systems” like e-pollbooks are not tested or certified.
 - **Voting systems are tested using out-of-date standards** (from 2005 & prior).
 - **Network communications are widely used** in precincts and vote-by-mail processing centers.
 - There is **no supply chain analysis or U. S. sourcing required**.
- Florida is at risk for election corruption because our **purchasing regulations** only apply to “voting systems” and **ignore a wide range of technologies used in Florida’s election process**.
- **Florida Division of Elections has failed to address and mitigate risks that have been ongoingly identified by the Florida Auditor General, including 393 data breaches:**
 - https://flauditor.gov/pages/pdf_files/2021-096.pdf
 - https://flauditor.gov/pages/pdf_files/2024-076.pdf
- **Yet, no senator or house representative sponsored our technology bill.**

Proposed Solution:

- **Require certification and testing of all election systems** that can impact vote or ballot count.
- **Update Rules to incorporate the latest technology standards.**
- **Extend purchasing regulations to all election systems,** not just voting systems.
- Regularly **conduct manual crosschecks** on technologies that utilize network communications.
- **Remove cellular modems from tabulators.**
- **Establish an election technology advisory board** to assess which standards should be applied, assess technology risks, and make recommendations on technology policy.
- **Require supply chain analysis** including manufacture, development, and maintenance in the U. S. and allow hand counting (**HB359/SB1752**).
- **Amend HB359/SB1752 to include full technology risk mitigation proposal or introduce a committee bill that includes the full proposal described in House draft #90412 and Senate draft 22-01427024.**