

## BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF DIXIE

## A DIRECTIVE

**FROM:** Lieutenant Governor of Dixie, /u/crydefiance

**DATE:** September 19, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Conducting an audit of election systems

WHEREAS, during the most recent federal election several servers hosted or run by the Dixie Board of Education suffered temporary technical difficulties, the cause of which has not yet been reported;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Great State of Dixie have a right to participate in fair and secure elections;

WHEREAS, the executive branch has a responsibility to ensure the security of the election systems of the Great State of Dixie;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Lieutenant Governor and head of the Dixie Department of State, a position granted to me by Article 4, section 13 of the Constitution of the Great State of Dixie, it is hereby ordered that:

**SECTION 1.** I hereby authorize and direct the Dixie Department of State, hereafter referred to as the "Department", acting through the State Board of Elections, to conduct a thorough inspection of the election systems used to tabulate and report the results of an election, in accordance with [Dixie Election Code §122.002](https://codes.findlaw.com/tx/election-code/elec-sect-122-002.html).

**SECTION 2.** The Department is hereby directed to examine and determine whether any of the election systems used have been the target of a cybersecurity breach.

a. In the event that the Department determines that a cybersecurity breach has occurred, the Department is hereby instructed to report this breach to the General Assembly of Dixie, in accordance with [Dixie Election Code §279.002(c)](https://codes.findlaw.com/tx/election-code/elec-sect-279-002.html)

**SECTION 3.** I hereby authorize and direct the Department to conduct a thorough inspection of all election systems used to cast and process votes, in order to determine that all election systems in the Great State of Dixie are in compliance with [L2-11, Securing Our Votes

Act](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RBwT3y24nTEATcbgpGY9L5lbnSB5ckLj EQlK65kjxAY/edit). The Department shall inspect, in accordance with this section, the following:

- a. The use of direct-recording electronic voting machines,
- b. The progress of risk-limiting audits as prescribed by Section IV(3)(a) of the Securing Our Votes Act.

**SECTION 4.** The Department is hereby directed to compile a report of the authorized inspections, including, though not limited to, the following:

- a. The status of election systems used to tabulate and report election results,
- b. Any cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the current election systems,
- c. Any use of direct-recording electronic voting machines in violation of the Securing Our Votes Act,
- d. Any other findings which the Department deems necessary to include.

**SECTION 6.** The Department shall deliver the report to the Governor of Dixie and the General Assembly of Dixie no later than six (6) months from the issuance of this Directive.

**SECTION 5.** This Directive shall take effect immediately.

