Amendment to HB 626

1   Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3   1 Secretary of State; Chief Election Officer; Duty to Investigate System Vulnerabilities. Amend

4   RSA 652:23 to read as follows:

5   652:23 Chief Election Officer.

6   *I.* The secretary of state shall be the chief election officer for the state. The secretary of

7   state shall provide information regarding voter registration procedures and absentee ballot

8   procedures for all voters, including absent uniformed services voters, absent voters temporarily

9   residing outside the United States, and federal ballot only voters domiciled outside the United

10 States. Instructional and informational materials published by the secretary of state for clerks to

11 provide such voters shall include information on how to communicate electronically with election

12 officials.

13 *II. Within 180 days of the effective date of this paragraph, the secretary of state*

14 *shall   implement   and   operate   a   public   vulnerability   disclosure   program   which*

15 *substantially meets or exceeds the recommendations contained within the publication*

16 *"Guide to Vulnerability Reporting for America's Election Administrators" published by the*

17 *Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States Department of*

18 *Homeland Security, to make it easier for security researchers and the general public to*

19 *report security vulnerabilities appropriately.   The secretary shall work with the*

20 *cybersecurity advisory committee established in RSA 21-R:16.*

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems.