

Election Procedure Manual

2020 - 2021

Guidance to state and local election officials and SOS IT staff, avoiding, detecting or mitigating ransomware attacks on elections systems during the 2020 election cycle, on best practices for state and local election officials accessing or storing sensitive information, including voter databases and evaluations about the threat of ransomware disrupting the elections.

The 2020 – 2021 Election Procedure Manual, found at <https://sos.nh.gov/media/kzupydju/epm-2020.pdf> contains the following:

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