

(4) Federal election cycle defined

In this section, the term “Federal election cycle” means the period which begins on the day after the date of a regularly scheduled general election for Federal office and which ends on the date of the first regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held after such date.

(5) Effective date

This subsection shall apply with respect to the Federal election cycle that began during November 2018, and each succeeding Federal election cycle.

(Pub. L. 116-92, div. E, title LIII, §5304, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2119.)

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

Section is comprised of section 5304 of Pub. L. 116-92. Subsec. (b) of section 5304 of Pub. L. 116-92 enacted section 3111 of this title and amended the analysis for the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

§ 3371a. Assessment of foreign intelligence threats to Federal elections**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

(1) Appropriate congressional committees

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (A) the congressional intelligence committees;
- (B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and
- (C) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(2) Congressional leadership

The term “congressional leadership” includes the following:

- (A) The majority leader of the Senate.
- (B) The minority leader of the Senate.
- (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (D) The minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(3) Security vulnerability

The term “security vulnerability” has the meaning given such term in section 1501 of title 6.

(b) In general

The Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the National Security Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the heads of other relevant elements of the intelligence community, shall—

- (1) commence not later than 1 year before any regularly scheduled Federal election occurring after December 31, 2018, and complete not later than 180 days before such election, an assessment of security vulnerabilities of State election systems; and
- (2) not later than 180 days before any regularly scheduled Federal election occurring after December 31, 2018, submit a report on

such security vulnerabilities and an assessment of foreign intelligence threats to the election to—

- (A) congressional leadership; and
- (B) the appropriate congressional committees.

(c) Update

Not later than 90 days before any regularly scheduled Federal election occurring after December 31, 2018, the Director of National Intelligence shall—

- (1) update the assessment of foreign intelligence threats to that election; and
- (2) submit the updated assessment to—
 - (A) congressional leadership; and
 - (B) the appropriate congressional committees.

(Pub. L. 116-92, div. E, title LXV, §6503, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2203.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**DEFINITIONS**

For definitions of “congressional intelligence committees” and “intelligence community”, referred to in text, see section 5003 of div. E of Pub. L. 116-92, set out as a note under section 3003 of this title.

§ 3371b. Information sharing with State election officials**(a) State defined**

In this section, the term “State” means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States.

(b) Security clearances**(1) In general**

Not later than 30 days after December 20, 2019, the Director of National Intelligence shall support the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, and any other official of the Department of Homeland Security designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, in sponsoring a security clearance up to the top secret level for each eligible chief election official of a State or the District of Columbia, and additional eligible designees of such election official as appropriate, at the time that such election official assumes such position.

(2) Interim clearances

Consistent with applicable policies and directives, the Director of National Intelligence may issue interim clearances, for a period to be determined by the Director, to a chief election official as described in paragraph (1) and up to one designee of such official under such paragraph.

(c) Information sharing**(1) In general**

The Director of National Intelligence shall assist the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis and the Under Secretary responsible for overseeing critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity, and other related programs of the Department (as specified in section