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## **Louisiana NOT Targeted or Hacked During 2016 Elections**

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler confirms that he was notified today by the Department of Homeland Security that Louisiana was NOT one of the 21 states widely reported to have been targeted or hacked during the 2016 election cycle.

Earlier this year, DHS officials announced that 21 state elections system were targeted by Russian adversaries during the 2016 Presidential Election cycle. They did not, however, confirm publicly which states were involved. Secretaries of state throughout the country, including Secretary Schedler, have been critical of the federal government's reluctance to release state-specific information to chief elections officers until today.

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