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SECRETARY ARDOIN ANNOUNCES CREATION OF CYBERSECURITY POSITION

BATON ROUGE, La.—Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin has announced the creation of a cybersecurity position. The chief information security officer will serve as the principal advisor to Secretary Ardoin on all information technology policy, legislation and all matters related to cybersecurity. The chief information security officer will be an asset to the agency, as the security of elections continues to be of the utmost importance.

Current Information Technology Division Director Scott Mayers has been tapped to serve as the inaugural chief information security officer. Mayers will supervise the daily operation of the IT Division with the added responsibility of identifying, designing and implementing cybersecurity initiatives. He will also represent the State of Louisiana on a national level in communication with the National Association of Secretaries of State, the federal government and other partners.

“I am pleased to elevate Scott to this position,” Secretary Ardoin said. “He not only offers a vast knowledge of information technology and cybersecurity, but invaluable institutional knowledge as well. This new position is yet another integral tool to keep Louisiana’s elections safe and secure.”

Cybersecurity came to the forefront of national news following reported election data breaches and allegations of election interference by foreign operatives during the 2016 presidential election. Louisiana has not been affected by any of these incidents, yet the Secretary of State’s Office remains vigilant and focused on continuing to maintain the highest levels of election integrity.

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