

Russian Hacking and the Illinois State Board of Elections -- *continued*

In March, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 was signed into law. This act included \$380 million in grants to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and to make election security improvements. Of this amount, Illinois will receive more than \$13 million. How will the State Board of Elections disburse these funds? Will there be enough money to enhance technology and make election security improvements statewide in 108 jurisdictions?

LWVIL works with the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR) to encourage election reforms, including securing our voting systems. The first, originally the SB 3523 Illinois Voting Equipment Modernization Project, was folded into SB 2651, an omnibus bill that was passed with bipartisan support and was approved by Governor Rauner July 20, 2018 and now in effect as [Public Act 100-0623](#). This measure requires each election authority to submit detailed information about the voting equipment used in its jurisdiction to the State Board of Elections. Knowing the age and functionality of voting equipment across the state allows the State Board of Elections to determine needs and priorities when allocating funding and update requirements.

LWVIL will continue to work with ICPR to ensure secure elections, as well as other voting initiatives.