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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article I of  
2 the bill following the appropriations to the Secretary of State by  
3 adding the following appropriately numbered rider and renumbering  
4 subsequent riders accordingly:

5 \_\_\_\_\_. Study on Election Cyber Attacks. (a) The Secretary  
6 of State, using funds appropriated by this Act, shall, not later  
7 than December 1, 2018, conduct a study regarding cyber attacks on  
8 election infrastructure and shall report the study's findings to  
9 the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over  
10 election procedures. The study shall include:

11 (1) an investigation of vulnerabilities and risks for  
12 a cyber attack against voting system machines, the list of  
13 registered voters, and election administrators' Internet websites;

14 (2) information on any attempted cyber attack on  
15 voting system machines, the list of registered voters, and election  
16 administrators' Internet websites; and

17 (3) recommendations for protecting voting system  
18 machines, the list of registered voters, and election  
19 administrators' Internet websites from a cyber attack.

20 (b) In conducting the study required by this section, the  
21 secretary of state may consult with any state agency with  
22 appropriate expertise, including the Department of Public Safety  
23 and the Department of Information Resources.

24 (c) The Secretary of State may withhold information  
25 considered confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code,  
26 including Section 552.139, Government Code, or other state or  
27 federal law that is contained in a report under this section after  
28 receiving a decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G,  
29 Chapter 552, Government Code.