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H.B. No. 241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a forensic audit of 2020 election results in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 16, Election Code, is amended by adding Chapter 280 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 280. FORENSIC AUDIT OF 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Sec. 280.001. FORENSIC AUDIT OF 2020 GENERAL ELECTION. (a)

The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint an independent third party to conduct a forensic audit of the general election that took place on November 3, 2020.

(b) The independent third party appointed under Subsection (a) shall audit every precinct in each county with a population of 415,000 or more.

(c) The audit under this section must begin not later than November 1, 2021, and be completed not later than February 1, 2022.

(d) Not later than March 1, 2022, the independent third party conducting the audit under this section shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature detailing any anomalies or discrepancies in voter data, ballot data, or tabulation.

(e) This chapter expires April 1, 2022.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
6 legislative session.