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H.B. No. 1397

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the required disclosure of entities with an ownership interest in a vendor of voting system equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 123, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 123.0311 to read as follows:

Sec. 123.0311. DISCLOSURE OF RELATED ENTITIES. (a) A contract under Section 123.031 to acquire equipment necessary for operating a voting system from a vendor must identify each person or entity that has a five percent or greater ownership interest in:

(1) the vendor;

(2) the vendor's parent company, if applicable; and

(3) each subsidiary or affiliate of the vendor, if applicable.

(b) This section applies only to equipment acquired on or after September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.