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H.B. No. 3356

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that an auditable voting system be used in an election.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 129, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 129.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 129.003. PAPER AUDIT TRAIL REQUIRED. (a) In this section, "auditable voting system" means a voting system that:

(1) uses a paper record; or

(2) produces a paper receipt by which a voter can verify that the voter's ballot will be counted accurately.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2023, a voting system that consists of direct recording electronic voting machines may not be used in an election unless the system is an auditable voting system.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.