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H.B. No. 3732

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3732:

By: Smith

C.S.H.B. No. 3732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a pilot program for the production of a paper receipt by electronic devices to accept voters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.0141 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0141. PRODUCTION OF PAPER RECEIPT BY ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO ACCEPT VOTERS. (a) The secretary of state shall establish a pilot program requiring a county to use an electronic device to accept voters that:

(1) is certified under Section 31.014; and

(2) produces a paper receipt that provides a voter the information necessary to verify the voter's participation in the election is recorded accurately in the voter information databases maintained by the county and the secretary of state.

(b) The secretary of state shall select to participate in the program each county that is determined by the secretary of state to have the appropriate technological capabilities.

(c) The secretary of state shall operate the pilot program established under this section until January 1, 2026.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2026, the secretary of state shall prepare and submit a report to the legislature and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with jurisdiction over elections that includes:

1           (1) which counties participated in the pilot program;

2           (2) the number of polling locations that used an  
3 electronic device to accept voters that produced a paper receipt;

4           (3) any best practices for the use of electronic  
5 devices to accept voters that produce a paper receipt; and

6           (4) any other information and recommendations  
7 considered necessary by the secretary of state for statewide  
8 implementation of the program.

9           (e) This section expires January 1, 2027.

10          SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2024, the secretary of  
11 state shall establish the pilot program required by Section  
12 31.0141, Election Code, as added by this Act.

13          SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.