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S.B. No. 2331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to centrally counted optical scan ballots.

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

SECTION 1. Section 127.1301(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An authority operating a central counting station under this chapter shall ~~may not~~ purchase and ~~or~~ use a centrally counted optical ballot scan system. A system under this section must use ~~that uses~~ a data storage device ~~disc~~ on which information, once written:

(1) ~~is~~ is not capable of being modified; or

(2) becomes unreadable if a person attempts to modify

it.

SECTION 2. Sections 127.1301(c), (d), and (e), Election Code, are repealed.

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