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H.B. No. 527

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring that a computerized voting system produce a paper record for recount or audit purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 128.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(c) The procedures must include a requirement that:

(1) a system under this section allow a voter:

(A) to inspect and verify a paper record of the vote before the vote is recorded electronically; and

(B) to make changes to the voter's electronic ballot after reviewing the paper record; and

(2) a paper record of a ballot created by a system under this section can be used for recount or audit purposes.

(d) Paper records that are verified by the voter as correct shall be preserved in the same manner as paper ballots to ensure that the paper records may be used in a recount or manual audit.

(e) The secretary of state may modify existing procedures as necessary to allow the use of a system authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.