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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the election integrity division in the office of the attorney general.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.0385 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.0385.  ELECTION INTEGRITY DIVISION. (a) The office of the attorney general shall establish an election integrity division.

(b)  The election integrity division shall, using available funds or any funds appropriated to the division and in support of the appropriate county or district attorney, investigate reports of election fraud or that a person has committed an offense under the Election Code.

(c)  A law enforcement agency in this state shall assist the election integrity division in an investigation conducted under this section as requested by the division.

(d)  For an investigation conducted by the division, the division may issue an administrative subpoena to a political subdivision of this state compelling:

(1)  the production of information or documents; or

(2)  the attendance and testimony of a witness.

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