

AN ACT

relating to the required disclosure of entities with an ownership interest in a vendor of voting system equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 123, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 123.0311 to read as follows:

Sec. 123.0311. DISCLOSURE OF RELATED ENTITIES. (a) A contract under Section 123.031 to acquire equipment necessary for operating a voting system from a vendor must identify each person or entity that has a five percent or greater ownership interest in:

(1) the vendor;

(2) the vendor's parent company, if applicable; and

(3) each subsidiary or affiliate of the vendor, if applicable.

(b) This section applies only to equipment acquired on or after September 1, 2021.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1397 was passed by the House on May 5, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1397 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor