

1-1 By: Hughes, Creighton S.B. No. 1234
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 29, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 29, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a requirement that a voting system use a paper record or
 1-20 produce a paper receipt for verification purposes.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 129, Election Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 129.003 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 129.003. PAPER AUDIT TRAIL REQUIRED. (a) In this
 1-25 section, "auditable voting system" means a voting system that:

1-26 (1) uses a paper record; or

1-27 (2) produces a paper receipt by which a voter can
 1-28 verify that the voter's ballot will be counted accurately.

1-29 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a voting
 1-30 system used in an election must be an auditable voting system.

1-31 (c) Except for a recount under Title 13, the electronic vote
 1-32 is the official record of the ballot. For a recount of ballots cast
 1-33 on a system involving direct recording electronic voting machines,
 1-34 the paper record or receipt copy is the official record of the vote
 1-35 cast.

1-36 (d) A paper record generated by an auditable voting system
 1-37 may be used only for the purposes described by this section and may
 1-38 not be retained by the voter.

1-39 (e) This section does not apply to an election held before
 1-40 March 1, 2024.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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