**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

As proposed, S.B. 1846 amends current law relating to the manufacture of voting machines by certain foreign persons.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 122.0331, Election Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Prohibits a manufacturer of voting systems used in an election from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, for software development services with:

(1) a company or other entity headquartered in China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; or

(2) an individual who is based in China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.