By:  Wilson H.B. No. 5180

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 66.058, Election Code, is amended by adding subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a)  Except as otherwise provided by this code, the precinct election records shall be preserved by the authority to whom they are distributed for at least 22 months after election day.

(a-1) On the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall provide public access to anonymous voted ballots, cast vote records, ballot images, authentication files, ballot reports and related records.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.