S.B. No. 1661

AN ACT

relating to a ballot scan system used in a central counting station.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 127.1301(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  An authority operating a central counting station under this chapter may only [~~not~~] purchase or use a [~~centrally counted optical~~] ballot scan system if the system is only capable of using [~~that uses~~] a data transfer media device that:

(1)  [~~storage disc on which information,~~] once a cast vote record is written, is incapable [~~capable~~] of being modified without automatic:

(A)  detection of the modification; and

(B)  rejection of the cast vote record; and

(2)  does not allow for the process under Subdivision (1) to be overridden or circumvented.

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

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1661 passed the Senate on April 20, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 29, Nays 2.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1661 passed the House on May 23, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_             Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor