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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the systems 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 not purchase or use a [~~centrally counted optical~~] ballot scanner unless the ballot scanner can only use [~~scan system that~~ ~~uses~~] a data storage device [~~disc~~] on which information, once written, is incapable [~~capable~~] of being modified without rendering the device unreadable.

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