By:  Creighton S.B. No. 1846

(In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 20, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; April 6, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 6, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

LaMantia        X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry           X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the manufacture of voting machines by certain foreign persons.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 122.0331, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  A manufacturer of voting systems used in an election may not enter into a contract, or extend or renew 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.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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