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By:  Bettencourt S.B. No. 2331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to centrally counted optical scan ballots.

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 shall [~~may not~~] purchase and [~~or~~] use a centrally counted optical ballot scan system. A system under this section must use [~~that uses~~] a data storage device [~~disc~~] on which information, once written:

(1)  [~~,~~] is not capable of being modified; or

(2)  becomes unreadable if a person attempts to modify it.

SECTION 2.  Sections 127.1301(c), (d), and (e), Election Code, are repealed.

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