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H.B. No. 2974

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the required use of paper ballots in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 51, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 51.037 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.037. PAPER BALLOT PRINTER REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES. An authority holding an election in a county with a population of less than 75,000 must maintain an operational printer at each polling place for the purpose of printing additional ballots.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 123, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 123.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 123.010. CERTAIN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS PROHIBITED FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES. An authority holding elections in a county with a population of less than 75,000 may only adopt a voting system that requires paper ballots for all elections held in the county.

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