

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 5131

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the randomized audits of elections in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 127.351, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Immediately after the uniform election date in November of an even-numbered year, the secretary of state shall conduct an audit of the elections held on the uniform election date in four counties during the previous two years.

(d) If the secretary of state completes the audit of a county under Subsection (b)(1) before the end of a two-year period, the secretary may randomly select another county with a total population of less than 300,000 to be audited.

(e) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

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