

By: Wilson, Bucy

H.B. No. 5180

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 5180:

By: Swanson

C.S.H.B. No. 5180

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public inspection of election records.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.012, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (f), an [An] election record shall be available not later than the 15th day after election day in an electronic format for a fee of not more than \$50.

(f) Beginning on the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall make available for public inspection election records that are:

(1) original voted ballots;

(2) images of voted ballots, if a county maintains images of voted ballots; or

(3) cast vote records.

(g) The custodian shall adopt procedures to ensure the redaction of any personally identifiable information of the voter contained on a ballot before making the voted ballot available for public inspection.

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