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S.B. No. 1661

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a ballot scan system used in a central counting station.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section [127.1301\(b\)](#), Election Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (b) An authority operating a central counting station under  
7 this chapter may only ~~[not]~~ purchase or use a ~~[centrally counted~~  
8 ~~optical]~~ ballot scan system if the system is only capable of using  
9 ~~[that uses]~~ a data transfer media device that:

10 (1) ~~[storage disc on which information,~~ once a cast  
11 vote record is written, is incapable ~~[capable]~~ of being modified  
12 without automatic:

13 (A) detection of the modification; and

14 (B) rejection of the cast vote record; and

15 (2) does not allow for the process under Subdivision  
16 (1) to be overridden or circumvented.

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