

AN ACT

relating to a ballot scan system used in a central counting station.

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 may only ~~[not]~~ purchase or use a ~~[centrally counted optical]~~ ballot scan system if the system is only capable of using [that uses] a data transfer media device that:

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

(A) detection of the modification; and

(B) rejection of the cast vote record; and

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1661 passed the Senate on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1661 passed the House on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor