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S.B. No. 1661

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the systems 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 not purchase or use a ~~[centrally counted optical]~~ ballot scanner unless the ballot scanner can only use [scan system that uses] a data storage device ~~[disc]~~ on which information, once written, is incapable ~~[capable]~~ of being modified without rendering the device unreadable.

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