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H.B. No. 5126

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to grounds for recounting paperless electronic voting  
3 system ballots.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 212.0241, Election Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 212.0241. NO GROUND REQUIRED FOR PAPERLESS ELECTRONIC  
8 VOTING SYSTEM RECOUNT.

9 SECTION 2. Sections 212.0241(a), (b), and (c), Election  
10 Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (a) A ground for obtaining an initial recount as prescribed  
12 by this subchapter is not required to obtain an initial recount of  
13 paperless electronic voting system results, subject to Subsection  
14 (b).

15 (b) A candidate for nomination or election to an office may  
16 obtain an initial recount of paperless electronic voting system  
17 results in an election in which the person was a candidate only if  
18 the candidate is shown by the election returns not to be nominated  
19 or elected. However, a candidate shown to be nominated or elected  
20 may obtain an initial recount if an opposing candidate's initial  
21 recount petition is approved for a recount that is covered by  
22 Section 212.131(c) and that does not include all of the voting  
23 system precincts in the election.

24 (c) The secretary of state shall prescribe any procedures

1 necessary to accommodate the authorization to obtain a recount of  
2 paperless electronic voting system results without a specific  
3 ground.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.