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HB 2787: voting equipment; inspection; elected officials Sponsor: Representative Jones, LD 17 Caucus & COW

Overview

Allows elected officials accompanied by an expert to inspect all voting equipment used in a jurisdiction.

<u>History</u>

Prior to election day the Board of Supervisors or officer in charge of elections must have the automatic tabulating equipment and programs tested and checked for all offices and measures on the ballot. In elections with state or federal candidates, the Secretary of State is responsible for conducting tests for election day equipment. Tests must be overseen by two election inspectors of different political parties and are open to political party representatives, candidates, press and the public. Procedures and time periods for tests are established by the Secretary of State and repeated immediately before the start of the official count (A.R.S. § 16-449).

Provisions

- 1. Authorizes any elected official of the state, accompanied by an expert of their choice, to inspect all voting equipment in a jurisdiction, including source codes and other proprietary material relating to voting equipment. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Specifies that an elected official may conduct an inspection of voting equipment at any time, however they must not disrupt the voting process on election day. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Stipulates that the elected official and accompanying expert are legally bound to keep all information from the inspection confidential, unless either have a good faith belief that the voting equipment is malfunctioning or is being exploited. (Sec. 1)

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