

HOUSE BILL 1883

By Rudd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 4, relative to forensic audits of elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The division of elections in the secretary of state's office shall:

(1) Conduct random forensic audits of at least five (5) counties and at least three (3) voting machine vendors after each statewide November general election, beginning in 2024;

(2) Prescribe the manner in which the counties and voting machine vendors are to be selected for the audits conducted under this section; and

(3) Complete the audits conducted under subdivision (a)(1) within six (6) months of the election date and promptly transmit the results of such audits to the chairs of the appropriate standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate in which legislation dealing with election laws is predominantly referred.

(b) As used in this section, "forensic audit" means an examination and evaluation of a public or private entity's records to derive evidence that can be used in a court of law or legal proceeding and that is performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants by a certified public accountant licensed or with practice privileges in Tennessee under title 62, chapter 1.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.