

1-1 By: DeAyala (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 1848
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
 1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 2; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study by the secretary of state on the feasibility of
 1-22 central counting stations complying with federal standards for
 1-23 facilities that contain sensitive information.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 127, Election Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 127.010 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 127.010. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CENTRAL COUNTING STATION
 1-28 OPERATING AS SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITY. (a)
 1-29 The secretary of state shall conduct a study to consider the
 1-30 feasibility of conforming each central counting station with the
 1-31 Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIF) standards
 1-32 promulgated by the United States federal government.

1-33 (b) The study must consider the feasibility of ensuring
 1-34 substantial compliance with the SCIF standards while allowing for
 1-35 poll watching and other citizen involvement in an election
 1-36 permitted under state law.

1-37 (c) Not later than December 1, 2024, the secretary of state
 1-38 shall create a detailed report summarizing the findings of the
 1-39 study and deliver the report to the legislature.

1-40 (d) This section expires December 15, 2024.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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