

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 2216
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2025; March 25, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X		
1-9	Paxton	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		
1-15	Parker		X	
1-16	Perry	X		
1-17	Schwertner		X	
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to security of election system equipment.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Section 123.034, Election Code, is amended to
1-24 read as follows:
1-25 Sec. 123.034. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT. (a)
1-26 The governing body of a political subdivision shall provide for the
1-27 proper maintenance and storage of the equipment that the
1-28 subdivision acquires for use in the operation of a voting system.
1-29 (b) Equipment used in the operation of a voting system must
1-30 be stored in a locked room.
1-31 SECTION 2. Section 129.051, Election Code, is amended by
1-32 adding Subsections (a-1), (h), and (i) to read as follows:
1-33 (a-1) The inventory of electronic information storage media
1-34 maintained under Subsection (a) must include information on the
1-35 polling location at which the storage media will be used.
1-36 (h) The general custodian of election records shall place
1-37 security seals on each unit of voting system equipment to prevent
1-38 unauthorized access to the equipment.
1-39 (i) The general custodian of election records shall create a
1-40 procedure for documenting:
1-41 (1) which specific seals are placed on each unit of
1-42 voting system equipment; and
1-43 (2) any instances where the seals are removed,
1-44 including the identity of the individual who removed the seals and
1-45 accessed the voting system equipment and the purpose for accessing
1-46 the equipment.
1-47 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-48 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-49 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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