

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 924

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

ELECTIONS: Provides for post-election tabulation audits of paper records including absentee ballots

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1353(C)(5), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to
3 provide relative to voting; to provide for a post-election audit; to provide for policies
4 and procedures relative to post-election audits; to provide for effectiveness; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1353(C)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1353. Secretary of state; powers and duties; voting systems and system
9 components; voter registration

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11 C. In addition to any other duties and functions provided by law, the
12 secretary of state shall:

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14 (5) Adopt and implement uniform policies and procedures for the conduct
15 of a post-election tabulation audit of paper ballots and records related thereto.

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17 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023, but
18 shall be implemented only after the procurement and implementation of a new voting system
19 by the secretary of state pursuant to R.S. 18:1362.2.

DIGEST

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HB 924 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to election tabulation audits of voter-verified paper records.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the secretary of state with respect to voting machines. Requires the secretary to promulgate uniform rules and regulations with respect to procurement, preparation, and use of voting systems. Provides that such rules and regulations shall provide for standards and procedures for the control and auditability of voter-verified paper records.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the secretary of state to establish and implement policies and procedures for the conduct of a post-election tabulation audit of paper ballots and related records.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not be implemented until after the procurement and implementation of a new voting system by the secretary of state.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 18:1353(C)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add requirement for the implementation of proposed law.
2. Change records subject to audit from in-person and absentee by mail voter-verified paper records to paper ballots and related records.
3. Provide for an effective date and implementation.