AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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

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