

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0051

Random hand count audits of election results.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; requiring a hand count audit
2 of ballots as specified; requiring rulemaking; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-6-130 by creating a new subsection
8 (c) is amended to read:

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10 **22-6-130. Post-election ballot audit.**

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12 (c) In addition to the audit under subsections (a)
13 and (b) of this section, following each primary and general
14 election, each county clerk shall conduct an audit of the
15 ballots in one (1) precinct as provided in this subsection.

The secretary of state shall randomly select one (1) precinct in each county to be audited as provided in this subsection. The county clerk shall conduct a hand count audit of all ballots cast in the precinct selected by the secretary of state and shall compare the hand count result to the result tabulated by the electronic voting system. The audit under this subsection shall be completed not later than one (1) week after the date of the election. The results of the audit and the comparison shall immediately be reported to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection, including rules establishing the scope of the audit and the procedures for conducting the audit under this subsection.

Section 2. The secretary of state shall adopt rules regarding the hand count audit required under W.S. 22-6-130(c), as created by section 1 of this act, not later than July 1, 2026.

1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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