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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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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1 (c) In addition to the audit under subsections (a)
2 and (b) of this section, following each primary and general
3 election, each county clerk shall conduct an audit of the
4 ballots in one (1) precinct as provided in this section.
5 The secretary of state shall randomly select one (1)
6 precinct in each county to be audited as provided in this
7 subsection. The county clerk shall conduct a hand count
8 audit of all ballots cast in the precinct selected by the
9 secretary of state and shall compare the hand count result
10 to the result tabulated by the electronic voting system.
11 The audit under this subsection shall be completed not
12 later than one (1) week after the date of the election. The
13 results of the audit and the comparison shall immediately
14 be reported to the secretary of state. The secretary of
15 state shall adopt rules necessary to implement this
16 subsection, including rules establishing the scope of the
17 audit and the procedures for conducting the audit under
18 this subsection.

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

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

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7 (END)