



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Permits Secretary of State to examine uncompiled source code for computer program or computer software used in voting machine or vote tally system as part of audit of machine or system. Requires auditor to report results of examination only to Secretary of State, State Chief Information Officer and Legislative Fiscal Officer.

Directs Secretary of State to require vendor of voting machine or vote tally system to correct deficiencies that auditor finds during audit and to reject or revoke approval of voting machine or vote tally system if vendor refuses or is unable to correct deficiencies.

Requires contract for purchase or procurement of voting machine or vote tally system to permit Secretary of State's audit.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure audit reports prepared by the Office of the Secretary of State of computer software used in voting machines.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain additional information regarding the security of elections, but security vulnerabilities of voting machines could also be exposed and exploited.