

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1988

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COLEMAN (97).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to certification of elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 115.448, to read as follows:

115.448. 1. For any election conducted in this state in which the secretary of state certifies the final vote count, all votes shall be tabulated in a secure and transparent manner that allows for auditing to reveal any discrepancies in the certified vote count.

2. Each election authority shall tabulate the results from each precinct prior to releasing official vote count data to the secretary of state's office. Official vote count data shall consist of a final tally sheet of all votes properly counted from each precinct in the election authority. An electronic counting machine may be used to provide a vote total for votes cast or tabulated on that machine; however, the aggregation of vote totals from different machines and precincts shall be conducted in mechanical or simple computerized processes not capable of connection to the internet or other devices. All votes tabulated for elections conducted in this state shall be considered public records under the provisions of chapter 610.

3. This section shall not prohibit the transmission and use of unofficial vote totals by the office of the secretary of state or the media. The certification of any election shall be based on only the official vote totals aggregated by the secretary of state using the methods described under subsection 2 of this section.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.