

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 530

2 INTRODUCED BY W. MCKAMEY

3 BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT RULES  
6 DEFINING AND GOVERNING ELECTION SECURITY; REQUIRING ELECTION SECURITY ASSESSMENTS  
7 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATIONS; ESTABLISHING THAT  
8 SECURITY ASSESSMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING  
9 REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
10 DATE."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Statewide elections infrastructure -- rulemaking.** (1) (a) On or before  
15 July 1, 2022, the secretary of state shall adopt rules defining and governing election security using federal  
16 election best practices as recommended by the United States elections assistance commission and the national  
17 institute of standards and technology of the United States department of commerce.

18 (b) The secretary of state and county election administrators shall annually assess their compliance  
19 with election security rules established in accordance with subsection (1)(a). County election administrators  
20 shall provide the results of the assessments to the secretary of state in January of each year to ensure that all  
21 aspects of elections in the state are secure. Security assessments are considered confidential information as  
22 defined in 2-6-1002(1).

23 (2) Beginning January 1, 2023, and each year after, the secretary of state shall provide an annual  
24 summary report on statewide election security. The report must be provided to the state administration and  
25 veterans' affairs interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210.

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
28 integral part of Title 13, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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2           NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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